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America Or Russia

The Boer Envoys Place Both Countries in the Same Category.

Mr Fischer's Speech When Welcomed in New York Yesterday Afternoon.

He Thinks That Despotism and a Republic Are the Same.

New York, May 15.—The peace envoys from South Africa to the United States, Messrs. Abraham Fischer, J. M. A. Wolmarans and C. H. Wessels, arrived here on the steamship Maasdam to-day. They were met by a committee which went down the bay to greet them, and later they were greeted by a body of Boer sympathizers. The Mayor of Hoboken extended a welcome to them. When the committee boarded the Maasdam down the bay, former Judge Van Hossen delivered an address of welcome to the envoys.

Mr. Fischer responded as follows: "I thank you most heartily for this welcome which you have just extended to us. The warmth of a welcome does not lie in the length of the words you say, but in deeds. We believe the American people will also extend to us a hearty welcome. For ours is a cause that is dear to their hearts. We are fighting for our country. As soon as they come to understand our case they will, I believe, echo the welcome you have just given us."

The envoys were eager to hear the latest news from the war. When told of the reverse to their arms and the advance made by Roberts they shrugged their shoulders.

"Such news," said Mr. Fischer, "does not disconcert us in the least. We read these despatches between the line, but what difference does one or a dozen reverses make to us? We never intend to cease fighting until we have gained what we are fighting for—our independence."

The delegates were reticent concerning their plans. "We cannot say anything which may hinder our cause," said Mr. Fischer. "We should like to have the government arbitrate with England, and undoubtedly we shall go to Washington and try to have an audience with President McKinley. If we cannot induce the government to do what we like, we shall try to arouse the people so that they will compel the government to recognize us in that way."

When asked as to the truth of the report that some of the Red Cross men were fighting in the Boer army, Mr. Fischer said: "Of this I know nothing, though some may have joined our forces when they knew the truth. Some attaches who have gone down there to see us fight have, when they saw us fight and knew the reasons for the war, said to us: 'Give us guns, for we want to fight with you.'"

Mr. Fischer said their future plans were still undecided, and that they would be largely guided by events as they happened. As it is, the reception committee have received invitations for the delegates from the mayors of sixty towns and cities in the United States, and it is probable that they will visit many places before sailing again for the Continent.

According to the Evening World, Mr. Fischer late this afternoon made the following statement: "Our intention now is to apply to the government for aid. Failing in that, we shall appeal to the people, that they may give us practical aid. I bear an official message to President McKinley, but I cannot speak of it before it is delivered. We will visit Washington and transact our business. We are entrusted with the greatest authority, and anything we may do will be upheld by the South African countries. I cannot speak of an American protectorate. If we are unsuccessful in securing mediation or other intervention, there are several other contingent steps that we shall try. The subject of a protectorate has been much discussed in Pretoria. If we fail in the United States, I may say that we will seek Russian aid. If America should take action, she would be upheld by the powers of Europe. But we look to America because it is a republic. We would rather have American aid than help from any other country. As a friend we think she would be more influential. We hate bloodshed, but we will have independence. Surely there is some way to secure peace with no loss of prestige to England or independence to us."

At the Hotel Manhattan to-night the envoys were received by the general reception committee. Killian Evans Rensselar and Edward Lauterbach delivered the principal addresses of welcome. During the course of his speech Mr. Lauterbach attacked the Irish race. He accused them of doing nothing in their home country for the assistance of the Boers, and caused several protests to come up from the rear of the room. For a moment it looked as though there might be trouble, but a few of the cooler heads in the crowd dominated, and Mr. Lauterbach continued his speech uninterruptedly. Mr. Fischer also spoke.

ANDREW WHITE DEAD.

He Was a Member of the Ontario Legislature For North Renfrew.

Pembroke, May 15.—Andrew White, M. P. P. for North Renfrew, and brother of John P. White, ex-M. P., died at his home here this morning. Deceased was a Conservative, and was elected over Henry Barr, Liberal, at the last contest by a majority of 153.

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WEST HURON ELECTION.

Government Refuse to Inquire Into the Frauds.

Ottawa, May 15.—The government today flatly refused to grant an inquiry in the Brockville West Huron election cases, which must now be judged by the country. Sir Louis Davies made a lame defence of the government's action, and then Mr. Powell produced evidence of crooked work in Brockville, reading the affidavit of Protchett, the government organizer, who taught the deputies how to slip ballots. Had the election been an honest one, Peter White would be now a member of the Commons. The debate will be resumed to-morrow.

A consignment of ova of Pacific rainbow salmon has arrived safely at Lord Strathcona's place in the Highlands.

Mr. Fisher announced that the difficulties about cold storage accommodation have been adjusted.

The Earnscliffe furniture was sold today. Sir John Macdonald's desk, which he used for thirty yers, was bought by a local man for $101.

The Situation Growing Serious

News From the Gold Coast Is Far From Being Reassuring.

Disaffection Spreading—An Attempt to Be Made to Rush the Cordon.

Accra Gold Coast, May 15.—The situation is unchanged. It is said in official circles that the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony, Sir Frederick Michell-Hodgson, has announced his intention unless immediately relieved to make an attempt to rush the cordon. There are now 450 troops at Kumasi, 450 between Cape Coast and Prashu, and 500 on their way from Jebba. The disaffection is spreading among the northern tribes. Kings Takie and Cudjoe Accra have been approached by the Ashantis.

ZAND RIVER FIGHT.

A Boer Account of How Roberts Beat Them.

London, May 16.—A despatch from the Aber laager (Boer) at Reisput dated May 10, via Groonstad, describing the Zand river fighting says: "A report was received last night that the British had crossed one of the lower drifts. At six o'clock this morning the first cannon shot proclaimed the opening of the battle. The British hosts could be seen advancing in solid masses. Their cavalry hung on our flanks. Their infantry were less easily discernible in the grass. The sky was clouded with smoke from the burning veldt. The fighting began at Philipsboth's position above the railway bridge. A British field battery passed across the river and bombarded the kopjes Philip Botha was holding so heavily that they appeared to be cloud-capped from the bursting shrapnel. Under cover of this cannonade the British infantry advanced, but they met with so hot a reception that they had to retire. In the meantime the British cavalry had crossed the river, moving straight north. Gen. Botha threw the Standderton burghers with a battery of cannon to head them off. The burghers got the advantage and captured fourteen of the British. Unfortunately just at this time, about 11 o'clock, the centre of the burghers gave way without cause. Upon this Philip Botha and all the others gave way. The Standderton and Bethel commandoes, with the Irish brigade, covered the retreat to Kroonstadt. Otherwise than in the retreat from Brandsfort and the Vet river, the British pressed hard on the retreating burghers. All our cannon and commissariat were brought out, and, far as is known, our casualties were confined to a dozen wounded."

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Unsettled Political Conditions Spoil a Mining Sale.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 15.—It is learned here from a prominent mining man who has just arrived from Alberni that the big deal for the Nahmint Mining Company property on Alberni Canal is off. The reason given by the prospective purchasers, the D. O. Mills Syndicate, for refusing to purchase at the eleventh hour, being that they did not feel justified, owing to the unsettled state of affairs politically, and the reputation of those at the head of the government at present, in investing so large a sum of money in British Columbia without proper safeguards. The Mills Syndicate own the Treadwell mines, the Tacoma smelter and other valuable properties. Negotiations had been in progress three months for the purchase of these properties, and all the tests made were perfectly satisfactory, the prospective purchasers expressing themselves as satisfied the properties were as represented.

It is understood that there is an attempt being made to secure a longer option on the property until the people have decided the fate of the government.

The monster petition against Mongolian immigration being circulated in the province has reached here from Victoria. Several copies will be made and circulated throughout the city for signatures.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

A Full Blooded Indian Ordained as a Minister.

New Westminster, May 15.—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, of Victoria, gave an address on education at the Methodist conference to-day, which was highly appreciated. The feature of the meeting was the ordination to the ministry of a full-blooded Indian by the laying on of hands. The new Indian minister is a China Hat missionary.

Storming Mafeking

General Synman Attempted to Rush the Works on Saturday Week.

Kaffir Locatio n Was Seized and Fighting Was at Close Quarters.

Fate of the Town in Doubt but Relief Column is Near.

London, May 16. (4:30 a.m.)—"Food will last until about June 1" is the latest official word from Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, sent to Lord Roberts under date of May 7. Five days later, the Boers attempted to storm the town and it is possible that they succeeded, although nothing is known of the attack or of its results except through Pretoria sources, which have no countenance here. The British relief column is due there now. Ten days ago General Snyman was having difficulty in keeping the Boers together owing to the approach of the British and when the last Associated Press despatch left Mafeking on May 7, the Boers had killed on the previous day, one of the horse guards and captured several of Col. Baden-Powell's few remaining horses. Major F. N. Bailey has sent to the Morning Post from Mafeking under date of May 7, this message:

"This morning the Boers attacked us. Result as usual. There is an aching void here. Pass the loaf."

London, May 16.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts dated Kroonstadt, May 15, 1 p.m.: "Baden-Powell reports under date of May 7, all moving well; fever is decreasing. The garrison is cheerful and food will last until June 10."

London, May 15.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques dated Tuesday says: There is now no doubt that there was fighting at Mafeking Saturday, but it is believed to have gone in favor of the garrison. All that can be ascertained of a reliable character follows:

"The Boers using artillery attacked the town on Saturday. Very soon the Kaffir location was in flames, some say as the result of the fight, others as the result of treachery. Fighting at close quarters became general and in the midst of the confusion, the Boers gained possession of the Kaffir location, from which point of vantage, they brought their guns to bear on the town at close range. By an adroit move the garrison, despite its attenuated numbers succeeded in surrounding the party of Boers, who had captured the Kaffir location. Severe fighting followed, but according to the latest reports, the Boers still hold the location in which they are probably surrounded. The truth is, I believe, that the Pretoria authorities knowing the progress of the relief column gave orders to General Snyman to storm the place. As soon as the location was in flames Boer bulletins of victory were flying about everywhere to encourage the weak-kneed burghers. Boers who came down here yesterday from Pretoria produced for the edification of incredulous Britishers two telegrams by officials, one of which was signed by Snyman and said:

"'I was lucky enough to capture Baden-Powell with nine hundred this morning.'

"There is no doubt about the heavy fighting. A telegram from the Portuguese consul to the Governor-General confirms this and there is little doubt of the occupation of the Kaffir stadt, but similar telegrams were published at Pretoria about Ladysmith and quite recently about Wepener, just before Col. Dalgetty was relieved."

STEYN'S THREATS.

He Would Sooner Destroy the Country Than Have It British.

London, May 15.—Lord Roberts contributes a line to the discussion going on in the press as to when the war will end by the following telegram, dated Monday, and sent through a correspondent who had made the direct inquiry: "I regret that I cannot give any reply to your question, as it is impossible at present to predict when the campaign may end."

The view of the other side is reported by a correspondent to whom President Steyn said: "Sooner than leave this country to fall into the hands of the British, I would destroy all our houses and leave it a desert." The relations between the Transvaal and the Portuguese appear to be strained. The Portuguese consul at Pretoria, according to reports from Lisbon, has been ordered by President Kruger to leave the country. The Portuguese declaration making food and clothing contraband has nearly destroyed the usefulness of Delagoa Bay to the Boers.

Senor Joquin Macado, Governor-General of Portuguese East Africa, is being entertained at Beira and the British officers who are passing through are showing him courtesies. The Lisbon cabinet is understood to count on British protection in event of Boer aggression.

OUR NEW COLONY.

Trading ermitted With Part of the Orange State.

London, May 15.—The Queen to-day issued a proclamation permitting trading between the South African colonies and the portions of the Orange Free State, now occupied by the British forces.

MRS. BARKER DEAD.

Hamilton, Bermuda, May 15.—Mrs. Frances Barker, wife of the Governor of Bermuda, Lieut.-General G. Digby Barker, died last night of pneumonia, after a short illness.

FREE STATERS SURRENDERING

Generals Brabant and Rundle Taking Possesion of Country Around Ladybrand.

The Transvaal army has taken a position at Baluawashdort Pass near Heilbron road station, fifty miles north of Kroonstadt. Its rear guard is still holding the hills north of the Valsch river, while the Boers' scouts are in touch with the British reconnoitering parties twenty miles north of Kroonstad. The Boers have held a council of war at Dingley and the British spies have learned that the Boers decided to hold Harrismith as long as possible. Lord Roberts' infantry are still at Kroonstad. The railway laborers are at work and engineers hope to have the line repaired within three days.

The prairie has put on a winter coat. The nights are bitterly cold but the days are hot. The Free Staters are surrendering in larger numbers than after the ocupation of Bloemfontein. One officer of the Transvaal artillery says: "There will be no serious fighting this side of Pretoria, as Beringen on the Vaal is indefensible. Heavy guns are being mounted at Pretoria, but Ben. Botha and Limmer are agreed that ultimate success is impossible. President Kruger is obstinate and a majority of the Transvaalers hold firmly with him." It is estimated that the Transvaalers can still muster 30,000 men on the fighting line.

General Buller's advance as his telegrams indicate was obeying instructions of Lord Roberts.

Gen. Rundle and Gen. Brabant are taking possession of the wide sections around Ladybrand almost without opposition. They find the country still plentifully supplied with cattle, feed and flour. Gen. Rundle is reducing his transport and feeding his men and animals largely on the country. The Boers in that quarter surrender daily and it is the expectation of the correspondents on the spot that the eastern section of the Free State will soon be as quiet as the western. Gen. Rundle's front is thirty miles long, but his forces are disposed so that if any point should be attacked the troops there could be quickly reinforced.

General Buller Occupies Dundee

He is Fast Freeing Northern Natal From the Enemy's Forces.

General Hamilton's Chase of the Boers a Wonderful Piece of Endurance.

London, May 15.—It is officially announced that Dundee is occupied by the British.

London, May 15.—(1:56 p.m.)—The war office has received the following despatch from General Buller:

"Dundee, May 15.—(1 p.m.)—We have occupied Dundee. About 2,500 of the enemy left yesterday for Glencoe, where they entrenched. Their wagons also left yesterday by De Jager's Drift and the Dannahauser road. Their Kaffirs said they were going to Laing's Nek.

"Almost every house in Dundee is completely looted. The navigation colliery is all right. The machinery of the Dundee collieries is destroyed. The houses of the town are damaged, but are structurally intact."

London, May 15.—The war office today furnished confirmation of the Associated Press story of yesterday telling of Gen. Buller's move on the Biggarsberg. It is a despatch from Buller as follows:

"Kamp's Farm, May 15.—The following telegrams sent to Roberts are now repeated to you."

They begin under the date of May 13:

"In accordance with instructions to keep the enemy occupied at the Biggarsberg, on May 11, I concentrated the 3rd Cavalry Brigade of the 2nd Division and some corps of artillery at Sunday's River Drift on the Helpmakaar road, and directed Col. Bethune to advance on Graytown with the Bethune infantry, the Umyoti Mounted Rifles and the Imperial Light Infantry.

"On May 14 we moved to Waschbank and Bethune to Pomeroy, while General Hildyard from Elandslaagte, occupied Indoda Mountain.

"On May 13 I sent Gen. Hamilton with three battalions up the steep slope of Withneck Hill. The third cavalry brigade crowned a hill on each side of the main road, and Bethune attacked by the Pomeroy road from three sides. The enemy abandoned the position which they had strongly entrenched, and retired to the Nek in front of Helpmakaar, from whence we hope to dislodge them to-morrow as many of them have retired. We have gained the summit of the berg with the loss of only a few men wounded. I advance to-morrow on Beith and Hildyard moves on Wessel's Nek.

"Our small loss, I think, was due to excellent troop leading by Gen. Hamilton and Lord Dundonald and Col. Bethune."

A second despatch, dated May 14, says: "The enemy evacuated Helpmakaar Nek during the night, leaving a rear guard of about a thousand men in front of us. These we have forced back throughout the day under considerable difficulties, as they fired all the grass on the top of the berg as they retreated, and the wind being unfavorable to us, we were scarcely able to see. I halted the infantry, who marched well through the hot smoke at Beith. The cavalry have not yet reported, but are miles ahead. We have taken a few prisoners. Our casualties are small."

A third despatch dated from Kamp's Farm, May 15, says: "Dundonald reported last night that he had driven the rear guard on to the main body of the enemy near Buralinden, where they occupied, in force, a strong position with three powerful guns. Major Gough, with the composite regiment, manoeuvred to the right, round their left flank, and they retired. Dundonald then retired. He was 25 miles, as the crow flies, from his previous night's bivouac, and had covered 40 miles during the day in a waterless country, most of the time riding through smoke. I think his pusuit a very fine performance. From the prisoners I learn that the enemy numbered over 2,000 at Helpmakaar, and being now joined by those who left Van Jonder's Pass, they must total nearly 3,000 men. We move on Dundee at mid-day. Hildyard holds the occupation of Wessel's Nek, and is repairing the line."

The re-occupation of Dundee by the British places the coal supplies there again in their hands.

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CHECKMATE.

General Rundle Too Smart For the Boers —Many Prisoners Taken.

Drands Drift, May 13.—Gen. Rundle has completely checkmated the attempt of the Boers to come south again, and the enemy are retiring before the persistent advance of the British.

Many have been captured or are surrendering. There were 150 of these yesterday and to-day. Among them was President Steyn's brother.

Ladybrand district is clear of Boers. They have evacuated McQuatling's Nek and are now near Lindley.

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BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Over Twenty Thousand Men Exclusive of Sick and Invalided.

London, May 16.—(4:30 a.m.)—The war office last evening issued an abstract of British casualties since the beginning of the war. This shows a total of 20,035 exclusive of sick in the field and the invalids, including the wounded sent home, who number 8,901.

CANADA ON TOP.

Louis Cyr Wins the World's Championship.

Fall River, May 15.—Louis Cyr, the Canadian champion, defeated Ronaldo, the German champion at a strength test for $2,000 and the world's championship to-night. Cyr on the back lift raised 1,805 lbs to Ronaldo's 1,650.

FOR ELECTION PURPOSES ONLY.

English Papers Comment on Yankee Gush Over the Boer Envoys.

London, May 16.—All the morning papers give long accounts of the reception of the Boer envoys in New York, but none comment editorially except the Daily Chronicle, and the Times, the former of which says: "To give a parallel instance, suppose that during the course of the Hispano-America war the Spaniards has asked England to intervene and had sent a deputation to Queen Victoria, would the Spaniards have been received with cheers and have been presented with the freedom of the city of Southampton or of the nearest township in that vicinity? This difference between the temper of English people toward the United States and that of the American population toward England will take a good deal to explain away."

The Times says: "As the presidential campaign is at hand the American wire pullers on both sides perceive that Mr. Fischer and his comrades may be used to influence German and Irish votes. The Boer envoys are tolerably certain to meet with plenty of verbal sympathy. So long as that is all they get we shall not greatly mind, and we feel tolerably secure that they wil get nothing more."

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THE RIFLE.

Bisley Representatives.

If Victoria is to be represented on the Bisley team this year some steps must be taken immediately. Mr. A. R. Fleming, an employee of Messrs. Nicholles & Renouf, has won a place on the team and is entitled to expenses from Montreal to Bisley and return, but some provision must be made for the expenses from Victoria to Montreal and return. As Mr. Fleming on his return from the big English meet would represent the province at the D.R.A. meeting at Ottawa, these expenses should be borne by the Provincial Rifle Association. It would certainly be a good advertisement for Victoria to have such a crack shot at Bisley. He was there last year and took thirty-nineth place out of 2,500 in the grand aggregate and second in the Canadian team aggregate. Upon his return to Canada he took third place in the Ontario grand aggregate and fifth in the Dominion grand aggregate, thus being one of those selected to go to Bisley. Mr. Bodley was twenty-ninth man, and as six have already declined places, he is in line for the Bisley team, only two more having to refuse to make his place sure.

FOOTBALL.

Evening Practices.

The Victoria seniors will hold practices every night this week, commencing this evening. All members of the team are requested to be on hand to get in shape for the game with Kamloops on 24th of May, and only those who get out to practice will get a place on the team.

ATHLETICS.

Meet This Evening.

The Fernwood Young Men's Association will hold a meeting to-night in the school-room of the Baptist church, Spring Ridge. All members or intending members should endeavor to be present, as important business will come before the association.

BASEBALL.

National League.

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A United Opposition.

Mr. J. D. Prentice to Oppose Martin Candidate in East Lillooet.

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Supporters of Victoria Opposition Candidates.

The opposition forces in East Lillooet have united to oppose the government of Hon. Joseph Martin. At a meeting of the friends of Messrs. Stoddart and Prentice, who have on several occasions contested that constituency in opposition to each other, it was agreed that Mr. Prentice should be the candidate. His opponent is Robert Graham, a supporter of the government.

A meeting of the supporters of the four opposition candidates was held last night at the committee rooms, when addresses were given by the candidates themselves and several of their supporters. During his address Mr. Turner took occasion to emphasize the fact that he was not in the field as the leader of any party, but simply as a private individual. Stirring speeches were made by ex-Alderman Bragg, Mr. W. A. Robertson and Mr. H. Cuthbert. A resolution was passed expressing complete confidence in the four candidates, and again pledging them support. A public meeting will be held in the Spring Ridge hall on Friday evening, when the four candidates will address the electors.

Politics are somewhat mixed in Alberni. Mr. Neill first announced himself as an independent Liberal, and finding that this did not please some of his friends, decided that he was a Martinite. Then Mr. Ralph Smith went to the district to bring out a provincial party candidate, but after a conference with Mr. Neill, returned without carrying out his first idea. The general opinion is that Mr. Neill would support any party that secured the reins of office. However, the government supporters have nominated Mr. James Redford, and Mr. James Thompson, of this city, will probably run in the interest of the Provincial party. The Conservatives may also bring out a candidate. Messrs. J. F. Bledsoe and G. A. Huff have both decided not to run.

If you had taken two of Carter's Little Liver Pills before retiring you would not have had that coated tongue or bad taste in the mouth this morning. Keep a vial with you for occasional use.

SHADES OF MONROE!

Kruger May Yet Be a Candidate For United States Presidency.

New York, May 15.—According to the Pretoria correspondent of the Herald, the commission composed of Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans, representing the republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, which arrived here to-day, is empowered to take important action. The correspondent says:

"I have the highest authority for making the statement that the commissioners are empowered to ask the United States to assume a protectorate over the republics, this protectorate to tend, if desired, toward eventual annexation as territories or states.

"Secretary of State Reitz, who is breaking down under the strain he is undergoing, voiced this national hope in these words: 'We will maintain independence if we can. If we cannot, we will appeal to the American people to take us under their wing. Surely the Declaration of Independence is broad enough to span the ocean. Our last hope is that, having again and again carried our burden of prosecution into the wilderness to escape from England, we may be permitted to deposit it at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, to find peace and protection under the Stars and Stripes.'"

The steamer Maasdam, which sailed from Rotterdam twelve days ago with the Boer envoys on board, was sighted off Fire Island at 8:25 a. m. to-day.

The revenue cutter Hudson, with the reception committee on board, met the envoys down the bay. Former Judge George M. Van Hoesen made the following address of welcome: "We are a committee of citizens of New York who sympathize with your country in its struggle for liberty and independence, and who wish to make your visit to the city of New York agreeable to you personally and advantageous to the nation of which you are the representatives. In the near future we shall extend to you a more formal reception, but on this occasion we simply say 'welcome.'"

PERSONAL.

J. M. Cameron, of the New York Life, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is in the city, having just returned from a convention of insurance men held in San Francisco recently.

Louis Watson will find two letters for him at this office.

Mrs. J. D. Helmcken returned last evening from a visit to the Mainland.

Mrs. James Angus, who has been visiting in Vancouver, returned home last evening.

Hon. J. C. Brown, minister of finance, came over from New Westminster last evening and is at the New England.

Rev. B. B. Osterhout, who has been attending the Methodist conference at New Westminster, came down last evening.

J. F. Bledsoe, M.E.; G. A. Huff, M.P.P.; and James Redford the government candidate for Alberni, arrived down yesterday and are at the New England.

G. C. Hinton returned yesterday from Extension mine, where his company installed an electric plant, which commenced operations on Monday.

Thomas Shaw, who is starting a foundery at Dawson; his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Cox, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Shaw, leave for the North in the Danube this evening.

Mrs. Rickaby returned last evening from Vancouver.

F. B. Pemberton is back from a visit to the lower Mainland.

A. S. Farwell came down from Vancouver last evening.

J. H. Wallace, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Dallas.

Alfred Ray, of London, is registered at the Dallas.

All the leading hotels of the city were well filled last evening, a large number of travellers arriving by the Victorian, Islander and Empress of India.

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A WARM RECEPTION.

Winnipegers Did Not Think the Show Hot Enough.

Winnipeg, May 15.—A small mob stoned the private car of a travelling lady ministrel troupe here after the performance last night. The show was advertised as the "hottest on earth," but failed to come up to the expectations of the rough element. Further trouble was expected to-night, but the crowd was overawed by the presence of a large number of policemen who gave the members of the company protection.

Abdur Rahman, Ameer of Afghanistan, is one of the most interesting despots in the yorld. He is over 50 years of age, a man of great stature and colossal strength, with a broad massive countenance and brilliant black eyes. He is dignified and commanding in bearing, and can be genial if he cares to be. He is a man of great intellectual power, and of a wide range of information.

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DIED.

FAGAN—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 14th inst., Mrs. G. Fagan, the beloved wife of Gerald Fagan, of Wellington, B. C.; aged 45 years.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Wednesday), at 1:45, from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company, and at 2 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Friends please accept this intimation.

WANTED.

WANTED—Firemen and carpenters. Victoria Chemical Company, Limited. m16

WANTED—A smart boy for an insurance and real estate office. Apply to P. O. Box No. 450, stating age, experience and salary expected. m16

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WANTED—Young man for typewriting; must also be neat penman. "Remington," Colonist office. m16

WANTED—Firemen, Carpenters, and Laborers. Victoria Chemical Company, Limited. m15

WANTED—Horses or cattle to pasture. Enquire 137 Quadra street. m15

WANTED—A girl, by the day, to assist in house work, and do light washing. Apply Mrs. Prentice, "Braeside," Rockland ave. m15

WANTED—A book-keeper to go north. Apply in own handwriting, P. O. Box 200, Victoria, B. C. m15

WANTED—By a man with ten years' experience in this country, a position in grocery or general store, city or country, best of references. Address, J. K., this office. m15

WANTED—A girl to do housework for family of two, and a little extra washing. Wages ten dollars per month. Address Mrs. A. Mearns, Chemainus, B.C. m13

WANTED—A young girl to take care of children in daytime only. Apply 92 Niagara street. m13

WANTED—By groceryman, position as salesman or traveller. Can give first-class references. Address T. K., this office. m12

WANTED—One or two gentlemen to take a cheerful furnished front bed-room in a private family. Use of bath-room and breakfast if desired. Near the car line. Apply 66 Second street. m10

WANTED—Second-hand bicycle, 88 Johnson street. Ladies' skirts, shoes and clothing. Gentlemen's clothing, etc. Booth. ap24

ENGINEERS, Firemen, Machinists and Electricians. Send 10 cents for new 40-page pamphlet, containing list of questions asked by Examining Board of Engineers. Geo. A. Zeller, Bookseller, St. Louis, Mo., U.S. (Mention Victoria Colonist.) mr31

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A NINE-ROOM HOUSE with stone and brick foundation, all modern conveniences; also a good stable; for sale on easy terms, as the owner is going to Klondike. For further particulars apply in the morning to Mrs. M. J. Conlin, 128 Quadra street. 13

FOR SALE—A 10-oz. duck tent 8 by 10, 3 foot wall; also thoroughbred fox terrier pup. Address G. C., this office. m12

FOR SALE—Lots on Simcoe, Clarence and Niagara streets, from $450 up. Lots in Spring Ridge at all prices. House and Lot on Belleville street, facing harbor, $3,500. House and lot in Victoria West, $1,100. Acre property on Mt. Tolmie road at $600 per acre. Acre property on Oak Bay avenue at $650 per acre. 5 acres with house, stable and other improvements at $1,500. 12½ acres with house, stable and other improvements $1,250. About 1 1-5 acre piece on Craigflower road $1,000. Lot with store and shop at Ladners at a bargain. Dyked lands on Lulu Island. Apply to J. T. L. Meyer, office 47 Langley street, P. O. Box 221, Victoria, B. C. m4

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MISCELLANEOUS.

RAYMOND, MEDIUM—Last week of Raymond. Circle to-night. Life readings. 90 Douglas street. m16

NOTICE.—I beg to notify the public that I am the proprietor of the business hitherto conducted under the firm name of Yuen Lung, 37 Cormorant street, and that no other person is authorized to receive payments and sign receipts or transact any business on behalf of said firm.

CHUN WAY.

NOTICE—I beg to notify the public that I have severed my connection with the firm of Yuen Lung, Cormorant street, Victoria, B. C. WONG WA. m10

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Court for a transfer to Henry Christian Wulf, of my license to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the south side of Yates street, between Douglas and Broad streets, in the city of Victoria B. C., known as the Dawson Hotel. Dated this 7th day of April, 1900. John Michel. m10

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LOST OR FOUND.

STRAYED—Bay horse; main cut short on forehead; weight about 1,000 lbs. The finder please return to L. Goodacre. m15

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In order to provide suitable accommodation for the large number of visitors expected here during the approaching festivities, the Secretary of the Celebration Committee will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of those having furnished rooms to let, if sent in writing to Box 120.

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Neibergall Writes Home

A Vancouver Man Wounded at Paardeberg Tells His Story.

He Was Hit Twice But Managed to Escape With His Life.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 15.—The following letter, the latest to reach here from the front, has been received by Col. Worsnop from Private Neibergall, who enlisted here with the First Canadian Contingent:

No. 2 General Hospital,
Wynberg, April 7, 1900.

My Dear Col. Worsnop,—Your favor of the 24th of February to hand. I note with pleasure all you say. I will try and give you particulars of our engagement at Paardeberg on the 18th of February. I am not, however, able to give you them so fully as I could have done if I had been spared to see the fight to a finish; unfortunately I only saw about 15 minutes of high life in South Africa.

Our division, the last to leave, left Graspan on February 12 at 4 a. m., and arrived at Ram Dam late in the afternoon; when we arrived we could hear French's guns at Waterfall Drift, where he was having a brush with the enemy. Next morning we started on our march to Waterfall Drift, on the Riet river, and arrived there at midday. A and B companies, R. C. R., were told off for fatigue duty, to help the convoy and guns across the drift. At 3 a. m. next morning we continued our march for Reitzpan, some four miles south of Jacobsdal. We arrived there early in the day and had a good rest until next day—Friday—when we continued our march to Jacobsdal; here we had a good meal with plenty of fresh veal. About 9 p. m. we started for Klip Drift, reaching there a few hours before daybreak. This was our last halt (22 miles from Paardeberg). We left Klip Drift at 5:30 p. m., the Royal Canadians acting as rear guard to the column. It was a very pleasant night, but the march was long and tiresome. We arrived at Paardeberg about 6 a. m. on Sunday. The division ahead of us had by this time closed the enemy in on the east side of the river, so the Gordons, Seaforths, Black Watch, Cornwalls, Shropshires and Canadians forded the river, and thus the enemy was surrounded and in between a cross fire. A Company was the first company to advance in support of the Gordons, who held the firing line. When we got within their range we took cover behind some ant-hills, which answered the purpose very well. A few minutes later Capt. Arnold passed along the word, "Right Half Company, advance by sections." The Vancouver 17, No. 2 section, advanced about 50 yards, lay down and waited for No. 1 section and Left Half Company to come up. We were then about 100 yards in the rear of the Gordons, and, I am sorry to say, this is the furthest the enemy allowed me to go.

The first bullet touched me on the left leg, but only resulted in a slight flesh wound. About five minutes later I received another bullet through the muscles of the left arm, fracturing the bone. I thought they were coming pretty thick then and got on my legs and doubled back 125 yards and again took cover until about 5 p. m., when I got up and made a successful attempt to reach the hospital. I had a pleasant time all day behind that ant-hill. The sun was very hot. I was wounded and was being further entertained by music supplied by Cronje and the ants, which entertained me by attempting to devour me alive. Towards evening the Colonel of the Cornwalls sent the word down the line for the Canadians to fix bayonets and prepare for a charge with the Cornwalls. This was done and an attempt was made to rush the enemy's trenches, but their rifle fire was too heavy, and the Cornwalls and Canadians had to retire. The charge, had it been carried out, would have been over 800 yards of ground, and I do not think that if the trenches had been reached the bayonets could have been handled in the trenches. Rifle firing and big gun firing kept up all night, and became heavier at daybreak. On Monday Cronje asked for 24 hours to bury his dead. Kitchener's reply was that he would give him (Cronje) two hours to decide whether he would surrender or fight to a finish. Cronje chose the latter, and as soon as the two hours were up they started shelling our position again, and the battle continued until Monday evening, when Cronje gave himself up. His position was in the river bed, which was thickly overgrown with small willow trees. He had his snipers up these trees, some of them tied to the boughs.

Jackson was a little in the lead of the B. C. Company in the charge at Paardeberg; he was found next morning with seven wounds. C. C. Thompson, of Vancouver, was wounded in three places, one wound through the elbow, one through the back and a flesh wound in his thigh. His wounds were from Snider bullets. He is now in No. 1 Hospital, Wynberg, about 300 yards from here, and is not doing so well. I had the splints taken off my arm a week ago. My arm is very stiff and I cannot lift anything yet, but I trust it will soon be all right, so I can get out of the hospital. Brooking, of New Westminster, is here with a bad knee. Finch-Smiles and Andrews, both of Victoria, have gone home to England. Corporal Lohman, of New Westminster, was wounded in five places, but when I last saw him he was doing well. Beach, of Victoria, was shot in the stomach, and I have not been able to find out where he is. McCalmont, of Vancouver, is here, down with enteric fever.

Capt. Arnold was wounded very early in the Paardeberg engagement. A bullet cracked his skull, and he died shortly afterwards. Sergt. Scott, Maundrill, Summers and Todd, of Victoria, were killed in action.

The roughest part of the journey is still to come, and my idea is that it will not be over for two or three months yet.

It is very hard for the troops at the front now. They have no tents with them. The nights are very cool and it rains almost every day. The South African winter is coming on.

We will not be with you on Dominion Day, but I think we will be home for Christmas. Trusting I will be able to join the Sixth Rifles again some day, I will close, by wishing yourself, officers, non-coms, and men success.

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Incidents of The Boer War

A Clergyman's Testimony as to Burghers Horrible Cruelty.

Brutal Treatment of a Prisoner by His Captors—a Child's Letter.

The Rev. M. F. Crewdson writes from DeAar, February 19th, 1900:

From conversation with the men I found that one company of the Worcesters, broken up into little bands of sixes and sevens over a fortified hillside, kept at bay hordes of Kaffirs and Boers all the day long, and though every man but about sixteen in the company was hit, the hill remained in their possession till the darkness gave them the opportunity of safely evacuating it.

My readers will notice my phrase "Kaffirs and Boers," for I greatly regret to record on the testimony of at least a dozen of the men who were present—who had never seen one another since the fight, who had occupied different positions on the hillside but who solemnly and unhesitatingly asserted that the Boers drove up the hill hundreds of armed Kaffirs, and then they crept up on hands and knees under cover of this living, moving wall. I measure my responsibility in making this statement. I warned the men who gave it to me of the terrible charge they were bringing, but all, without exception, asserted it, and said they saw the Kaffirs, they spoke to them, they shot them dead in scores. It was with regret and shame for humanity that I was compelled to believe the men's unanimous statement. This organized piece of savagery is one for which the Boer army must take responsibility. For it was not the barbarous action of an individual, but a piece of devilish strategy used on a considerable scale in an action of even historic importance.

On my rounds in hospital I came across an Australian whose leg was broken by an explosive bullet. A poor fellow, badly wounded, lies in the hospital at Naauwpoort He declares he was sixteen hours lying on the veldt before our ambulance came across him. He had been visited by Boers who pitied him with complacent words, while at the same time they rifled his pockets. Whilst they turned away for a moment he had presence of mind to slip eleven pounds from his pocket into the lining of his hat, where they never thought to look. The staff sergeant of the hospital found it there after the man's arrival in Naauwpoort. Here is a strange blending of pity and pillage. Some one else must solve the psychological problem. I record the facts.

Nor can we forget the explosive bullet, because the result of it was softened by charity while the wholesale placing of Kaffirs between two fires, and their use against a people who, by one word, which they refrain from uttering, could set loose thousands of native war dogs, Basutos and Zulus, against the Boers, can only be described as diabolical.—Onward.

The London Times has published the following on May 5.

Farosfontein, May 3.—As we were leaving Donkerpoort yesterday an outlying picket of ten men of the Cape Rifles was surrounded and attacked by the Boers. Four men escaped. Trooper Smythe reports that he was wounded, but fought till the enemy disarmed him and then told him to go away. After he had gone a short distance a dastardly brute fired, wounding him in the head, shoulder and leg. When he pretended to be dead the Boers approached, examined him, kicking him brutally meanwhile, and finally leaving him for dead. During the night, Smythe crept away, and this morning was found near Caledon by the men of the Queenstown volunteers, and sent to the hospital at Mafeteng. It is assumed that the remainder of the party were similarly treated, as they are still missing. This outrage has created intense feeling among the men of the colonial division, the more so as doctors were despatched to-day to the neglected Boers at the hospital near here, and the contrast in the treatment exasperates the men. To-day a strong force from Gen. Chermside's division arrived to garrison Wepener under Gen. Castletown.

Mr. H. S. White, the Montreal Star special correspondent with the second Canadian contingent tells the following little incident in one of his letters:

"I will close this letter with an interesting little incident that was brought to my notice the other day by Major Ogilvy. One of our boys, on opening his box of chocolate that was one of those sent to all the members of the Contingent by their friends in Toronto, he found in it the following quaint little note, written in a neat juvenile hand:

24 Alexander street, Toronto.

Dear Friend:

I don't know who you are, but you have my love and best wishes. May God guide and keep you.

From your little friend, Hattie Weston, good-bye.

"Dear little Hattie, you may be sure that your unknown friend, tramping wearily across the black karoo, sleeping night after night beneath the starry skies, in sunshine and storm, in heat and cold, often thinks of the kind wishes of his little unknown friend in Toronto.

"His kit bag is light—according to regulations—and his possessions out here are not many, but probably the one that he cherishes most is that touching little note from Hattie."

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THE WRONG COLOR.

Canada Certainly Not As Black As She Was Painted.

From the Montreal Star.

Canadians have by this time grown accustomed to hearing their broad Dominion described by those who know nothing about the subject as a land of almost perpetual snow and ice, but the attempt made at the recent ecumenical missionary conference in New York to represent her as a heathen country, will come as a rude surprise to them. And yet that is exactly what happened at this monster gathering. There were people there who would have gone back to their homes carrying with them that impression of Canada, had the Canadian delegates held their peace. It remained for Dr. Johnston, of London, to correct that impression and he did it in no uncertain manner.

When the Canadian delegates arrived at Carnegie hall, they noticed among the prominent decorations of the auditorium a large map representing the world. This was so colored as to show at a glance the heathen, Mohammedan and Christian countries of the globe. The Christian countries were colored in a bright crimson, the Mahommedan in drab, and the heathen in black. Now on this precious map in question there was a great black patch on Canada, extending from the northern boundaries of Ontario and Quebec right up to the Arctic Ocean, and including Alaska. There were no black patches, however, on the United States. The Canadians looked in amazement at the map. Was it possible, they asked, that the person who drew it could have such a poor conception of the Dominion? The map roused the ire of Dr. Johnston, of London, and at the first opportunity which presented itself he drew the attention of the bureau of information to its inaccuracy. Canada was not a heathen country, he said. There were not 40,000 heathens in the whole Dominion, and there were comparatively few places within its enormous bounds where the gospel had not been preached. The map was wrong and he wanted it changed.

He wanted the black covered with red, and the quicker it was done the better he would like it. He did not want Canada misrepresented. He pointed out that the United States had more heathens in proportion to its population than Canada had, and yet the whole of that country had been painted in red. This was unfair, and he as a Canadian, resented it. The map was supposed to give accurate information, but in so far at least as Canada was concerned the very opposite was the case.

The chairman, at the conclusion of Dr. Johnston's protest, said that at the next ecumenical conference Canada would be represented in the color asked for by the reverend gentleman.

"But I should prefer," said Dr. Johnston, "that the artist should begin the recoloring at once. I don't want to come here to-morrow morning and see that great black patch staring me in the face."

"Very well," said the chairman, "the change will be made to-day."

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CRONJE'S ORIGIN.

He Is Said After All to Be of Scottish Descent.

At a meeting of the Scottish Border Counties Association, held at the Freemasons' Tavern (London), Sir James Crichton Brown, the chairman, said that General Cronje was of Scottish descent, and had relations now living in a Border county. Cronje was the Dutch rendering of the name McCrone. General Cronje's father was born at Ebuchencairn, and his mother came from the Haugh-of-Urr, so that he was really a Galloway man, and it was curious to note that the system of warfare which he practised in South Africa, by foray, ambush, surprise and retreat, was exactly that of the raiders. The Galloway men had always been distinguished by their mobility when "lifting" cattle, and this was favored by the exceptional length of their legs and by the possession of Galloway nags—mentioned by Shakespeare—the prototypes of the Basuto ponies. Sir James did not wish to say anything disrespectful of a fallen foe; but taking a survey of the whole of General Cronje's career, he felt bound to add that, notwitnstanding his stubborn defence of Paardeberg, Scotsmen did not feel at all proud of him, and would gladly believe that he had only Boer blood in his veins. Historical accuracy, however, made it desirable that the original nest of the cage-bird of St. Helena should be known. It should also be known that no universal regret was felt in the district when his father, old McCrone, left Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, to go to America, whence he subsequently migrated to the Cape. There was no presentation of a testimonial on his departure, and that, in the case of a Border Counties man, must be regarded as a significant fact.—South Africa.

A transparent mirror glass recently introduced in Germany, reflects light on one side from which it is practically opaque, while from the other side it is transparent. It is proposed to use this type of glass for glazing windows in city residences, for, while it will not cut off light or vision from the interior, it will prevent outsiders from seeing into a room.

Nearly one-third of the earth is in Asia, which also possesses more than one-half the population; more than one-quarter of the earth went to make America, and over one-fifth for Africa. Europe contains only one-fourteenth part of the world's area, although she has nearly one-quarter of the population, and Australia contains one-eighteenth part.

A firm in Liverpool, delighted that one of its employees was called upon to join the reserves, volunteered to pay half his wages to his wife in his absence. At the end of the month the woman appeared, and the moiety was given her. "What?" she said; "four pounds?" "Yes," replied the senior partner, "that is exactly half; sorry you are not satisfied." "It isn't that I'm not satisfied. Why, for years he has told me he only got sixteen shillings altogether, and—and—if the Boers don't kill him, I will."

Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 15.—Operations in the stock market continued to be left largely to professional hands to-day. The movement was exceedingly irregular and confused all day. Generally speaking, it could fairly be said that railroad stocks were firm to strong, while the industrials were weak. This distinction was obvious at the opening of the market, and the day's trading tended rather to emphasize it except that the demoralizing influence in the steel list ultimately affected the whole list. Closing quotations:

Amn. Tob.	91⅝
A. S. & R.	108
Anaconda	42
A. T. & S. F. all paid	25
A. T. & S. F. pfd.	69⅝
A. S. & W.	34
B. & O.	74⅛
B. & O. pfd.	79¼
B. R. T.	68½
C. P.	94
C. & O.	27⅝
C. B. & Q.	125½
Chicago Gas	98¾
C. R. I. & P.	105⅞
C. M. & St. P.	115½
Cont. Tob.	24⅝
Cont. Tob. pfd.	76
Chicago Gas	100
Colo. Fuel & Iron	35¾
C. C. C.	58
D. L. & W.	176
D. & R. G.	69¾
Fed. Steel	35¼
Fed. Steel pfd.	65½
J. C.	117
L. & N.	79⅞
Manhattan	88½
Mo. Pac.	56⅞
Met. Trans.	148
Nat. Lead	18¾
N. P.	57¼
N. P. pfd.	73½
N. Y. C.	130
N. Y. L.	12
N. Y. L. 1st pfd.	36
N. Y. O.	21⅝
Pac. Mail	30¼
Pressed Steel	44
P. & R.	16½
S. R.	12¼
S. R. pfd.	54¾
S. P.	33¾
T. C. & I.	69
U. S. Leather	11
U. S. Rubber	29
U. S. Rubber pfd.	33
U. P.	53½
U. P. pfd.	73⅜
Wabash pfd.	21½
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London, May 15.—C. P. R., 96; N. P. pfd., 76¼; com., 58⅝; Anaconda, 87.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago, May 15.—The leading futures closed: Wheat—May 64⅞c., July 66¼c. Corn—May 35⅝c., July 36½c., Sept. 37¼c. Oats—May 21⅜c., June 21¾c., July 21⅞c.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

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Chicago, May 15.—The following quotations ruled on the board of trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
July	66	66½	66	66¼
Corn—				
July	37	37⅛	36½	36½
Pork—				
July	11.62½	11.70	11.62½	11.67½
Liverpool Wheat—				
July	5 8½d	.....	.....	5s 8d

New York, May 15.—The following quotations ruled on the stock exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amn. Sugar	107½	110	107½	108¼
C. B. & Q.	124¾	126⅛	124¾	125⅝
C. M. & St. P.	115¼	116⅛	115¼	115⅝
People's Gas	98½	99⅝	97¾	97¾
Manhattan	87¾	89¼	87¾	88⅜
C. R. I. & P.	105½	106¼	105½	105⅞
Amn. Tobacco.	93	93⅝	91⅝	92
U. P. pfd.	73½	73¾	73⅛	73¼
Atchison pfd.	68⅞	69⅞	68¾	69⅝
T. C. & I.	72	73¾	69¼	69¼
Atchison com.	24½	25⅛	24½	24⅞
L. & N.	79⅝	80⅜	79⅜	79⅞
B. R. T.	68¼	69⅝	68¼	68½
N. P. pfd.	75¾	73¾	73½	73½
U. P. com.	53⅛	54	53⅛	53⅝
A. S. & W. com.	35½	35⅞	33¼	34

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THE WAR.

Our forces have occupied Ladybrand and are advancing northward. This means that the whole eastern part of the Free State will soon be cleared of the enemy. General Buller has occupied Dundee and yesterday's despatches indicated that he would follow the second of the plans suggested in this paper, instead of that suggested by the Associated Press and will clear the enemy out of Natal. There was no special news yesterday from Lord Roberts. He will rest his forces for a short time before advancing on the Vaal. It is now thought that the Free Staters will virtually take very little part in any further resistance, but will accept the inevitable.

The operations that have resulted in the re-occupation of Dundee do not appear to have been very serious, as far as fighting is concerned, although they called for rapid movements and long marches. We anticipate that the work of driving the enemy out will not be at all difficult. Just now every one is awaiting with interest the news from Mafeking.

ATLIN MATTERS.

The Council of the Board of Trade has acted with commendable promptness and has called a general meeting of the board for Friday afternoon, to which all persons having interests in Atlin or any information bearing upon the needs of that important district are invited. As there are many such persons in the city, we hope the invitation will be largely accepted. The point aimed at is to gather information on this important topic, so that it can be used to the best advantage. The board itself can do nothing, but it can be made the vehicle of placing the views of those interested before those who have the power to remedy any existing evils.

In this connection a letter from "An Atlin Pioneer" in this issue is of much interest. The writer ought to attend the board meeting and place his views before that body. If it is correct, as he says, that the only condition upon which land was available for ranching in Atlin was that it should be leased for five years and the improvements should revert to the government at the expiration of the term, it is high time a different system prevailed. Of what imaginable use to the community is land that no one will occupy, and who will occupy land on such terms? Any man who will go to Atlin and establish a ranch should be given sufficient land absolutely, and be exempt from taxation for five years.

This is only one of a variety of subjects which call for attention and it is highly satisfactory to know that the Board of Trade has taken the matter up in the way it has. Very great good must ensue from a full and open discussion of Atlin questions by those who know about them from practical experience.

MARTINISM NOT LIBERALISM.

Mr. Gordon Hunter gave a very happy definition of the issue in the pending election when he said it was not whether we should have government ownership of railways, but whether we should have private ownership of government. There is really not much else worth talking about in this contest. The government railway plank, on which both Mr. Martin and Mr. Wilson stand, will break down of its own weight. It is like a badly constructed bridge that falls because of a structural defect before there has been any traffic on it. The matter of Oriental immigration is, as we pointed out yesterday, not a real issue, because there are not two sides to it. The Dominion government has taken the alien exclusion law out of the way by disallowing it. For the present, at least, the eight-hour law is not in an acute stage, and there is a reasonable prospect that all conflicting interests will be reconciled through the good sense of the miners and mine-owners. The other propositions in the several platforms promulgated for the edification of the voters are little more than mere platitudes. The introduction of federal lines into local politics has ceased to be a serious proposal. This leaves the single question of constitutional government as the vital issue. The contest is between Martinism and anti-Martinism.

On the constitutional issue no intelligent Liberal can consistently vote for Mr. Martin. Whatever Mr. Martin may be in federal politics, he is not a Liberal in his views of constitutional government. The Liberal party in Canada is the historical successor of the Responsible government party. Papineau, Brown, Howe, Wilmot and after them Mowat, Dorion, Tilley and others kept alive in their respective provinces the sacred fire of Responsible Government. These men were Liberals. The parties to which they belonged had different names in different provinces. They were Reformers, Rouges, Radicals, Smashers and less frequently Liberals. Some of them coalesced with Sir John Macdonald in order to carry Confederation and thus formed the Liberal-Conservative party. Some of them broke away from him in 1883; but the fact remains that the political organization known as the Liberal party in federal politics can be traced directly back to the men who struggled successfully to establish Responsible Government. It is true that this principle, when once recognized, found no more staunch defenders than Conservatives, who had opposed its introduction, but it is nevertheless true that Liberalism was the parent of Responsible Government in the British North American provinces. We would like to bring this fact home to the mind of every person in British Columbia who calls himself a Liberal, for then it would be seen by all that the man, who says he is a Liberal and at the same time defends or supports a minister who stands for personal government, belies his own pretensions and sets at naught all there is of historical value in the record of the party with which he claims to be identified.

Mr. Joseph Martin must of necessity be the apologist for and the defender of the introduction into British Columbia of personal government. He occupies a somewhat unusual position. He must defend the dismissal of the Turner government, the formation of the Semlin government, the dismissal of the Semlin government, and his own selection as Premier and his choice of colleagues. He has stood at the elbow of the Lieutenant-Governor from the beginning of that functionary's interference, that is his personal interference, in the affairs of the province. He must assume the responsibility for the whole of it. He himself will doubtless seek to escape from doing anything more than justifying his own selection as minister, but he must be held to more than this. Martinism and the usurpation of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes of powers vested in the people through their representatives were synchronous in point of birth and they must be given a joint funeral. They are not political twins. They form a double-headed political monstrosity. They cannot be separated and live.

We shall not take space in this article to recapitulate the events that have transpired since August, 1898, when the Lieutenant-Governor chose in the most unwarrantable way to anticipate the verdict of the electorate and dismiss his advisers. The correspondence on that occasion, the Lieutenant-Governor's speech at Bennett in which he undertook to declare without being advised by them what the policy of his ministry would be, and his correspondence touching the dismissal of the Semlin government all show that Lieutenant-Governor McInnes entertains and carries into execution ideas utterly antagonistic to the principles of Responsible Government, that he believes he may override the popular will, that he, and not the representatives of the people, constitute the tribunal by which ministers shall be tried and condemned—that he believes he may make and unmake ministries without regard to the will of the people. For the nearest historical parallel we must look to the reign of George III., whose constant assertion of extreme prerogative rights might have led to a fate similar to that which befell Charles I., if he had not mercifully been bereft of his reason, before he had done irreparable mischief. As it was, he lost Great Britain the Thirteen American colonies.

No Liberal can defend this assertion of personal government and remain true to the historical principles of his party. And he cannot take refuge in the Conservative party, for Canadian Conservatism long ago, like British Conservatism, gave its unconditional assent to the principles of Responsible Government and is now its strongest bulwark. Indeed so true is this and so universal is its application, that in no part of the British Empire, where self-government exists, is personal government tolerated, except in British Columbia.

How, then, shall we classify those who pretend to be Liberals and yet support Martinism and usurpation? We do not know that it is necessary to classify them, but we know where to look for their counterpart. It is found in the United States in the discredited Populist party. If he lived in the United States Mr. Joseph Martin would be a Populist leader, and Mr. W. W. B. McInnes would be his right-hand man. The wordy rubbish which these two gentlemen delight to promulgate against corporations, capitalists and the established order of things, the tommy-rot about the rights of the masses, the appeals to class prejudice, are simply the warmed over leavings of the oratorical banquets spread for the delectation of the Populists in the United States some ten years ago, and rejected by the intelligence of that country as absolutely worthless. It is simply chaff cooked up in pervid eloquence so as to look like wholesome bread. It is not Liberalism any more than the scum which floats on the surface of James Bay from the soap works is the finished manufactured product.

We ask all who call themselves Liberals in federal politics to consider what has been above alleged. Before closing this article we wish to refer to one other matter so as to avoid being misunderstood. We do not condemn the act of the Lieutenant-Governor in calling upon Mr. Semlin for his resignation. We approved of it at the time, and we have not changed our view. But we find most serious objection to the reasons advanced by him for this act. There was one reason and only one that can be defended, namely, that after a prolonged session resulting in nothing Mr. Semlin was defeated on a vote of want of confidence, and instead of tendering his resignation or asking for a dissolution, sought to patch up matters so as to continue in office. But strangely enough this does not seem to have influenced His Honor at all, for his letter of dismissal shows the act to have been predicated upon facts that had never been submitted to the legislature. He did a proper act for improper reasons. Mr. Martin not only has to justify the act but the reasons advanced for it. The latter he cannot do and at the same time maintain the principles of Responsible Government, which require, not that a ministry shall be responsible to the crown or its representative, but to the representatives of the people.

Simply in the interest of English undefiled we must insist that "primarily" means first in point of importance, not first in point of time.

Mr. McPhillips defined his position last night to be as follows: While he himself personally believes in federal lines in provincial politics, he pledges himself in the event of his election to first work for the defeat of the Martin ministry, and next to assist to the best of his ability in the formation of a government without regard to party lines and from the best elements in the legislature. In default of this he holds himself at liberty to take such a course as seems to be in the best interests of the province and will hold himself free to support any good government whether formed of Conservatives or Liberals. No exception can be taken to this position and the most ultra non-party man can ask nothing more. Mr. McPhillips has shown a commendable spirit in subordinating his personal views to the public interest.

The prospect is that there will be a very large number of visitors in Victoria during the Queen's Birthday festivities. The city looks very beautiful just now, and the prospect is that the gentle showers we have been having lately will keep everything fresh and attractive. Now, will not every householder in Victoria between now and the 23rd instant look around in front of his premises and see if there is not something he can do to improve their appearance? We suggest to the city council that it would be well if some one were sent around with a hammer to drive in all protruding nails in the sidewalks. This will be a moral work, and the Recording Angel will be relieved of the responsibility of making a note of a great many cuss words if it is done.

One of the most important subjects to be dealt with by the legislature of this province is the construction of highways. Very many more miles of highway than now exist are urgently needed. One way in which more money can be made available for new roads is to reduce the demand for expenditure in connection with existing highways. This is a matter that is largely within the control of the people themselves. Sufficient care is not exercised to keep the roads in good condition, and too little good is accomplished by the large annual expenditures in repairs. The use of wider tires on draft vehicles would make all roads wear longer, and a little more public spirit in connection with road work would make the money available go a great deal further than it now does. Do you know, there is nearly as much patriotism in performing the little every-day duties of citizenship as there is in marching to battle against the enemies of the flag? It is a sign of patriotism to stand when "God Save the Queen" is being sung, but it is also patriotic to mend a bad piece of road so as to make it cost the country as little as possible. We have in mind an Eastern farmer in front of whose farm the highway is always in good condition. The reason is that as soon as he sees it getting bad he sends some one out, or goes himself, and makes the needed repairs. He says it really does not cost anything, and there is much satisfaction in having a good piece of road in front of his premises.

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Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir: In reading an account of the luncheon given to the Knights of Pythias yesterday afternoon, I was struck by the lauguage used by your worthy Mayor, wherein he is quoted as saying "That the people of Nelson were always glad to welcome visitors from other parts of the province." If he will exclude himself I heartily agree with him, but the reception I received at his hands is altogether at variance with the remarks made by him yesterday.

I arrived in the city on Monday at a late hour, and on Tuesday took a stroll, meeting several old residents of Vancouver, among others Mr. James McPhee, an electrician, who by the way, is a supporter of the Mayor for provincial honors. I sought information regarding many matters from him and while conversing, who should come along but Mayor Houston. I was duly introduced as the city clerk of Vancouver. He looked at me in a very cold manner and said "I have no use for the people of Vancouver, you are all hogs down there. You will find little friendship shown you in this city." I asked for an explanation of his antipathy towards my city but got none but a few mumbling remarks as he passed away, which I gathered to mean that he was displeased with the conduct of our members in the house.

I intended to call upon him officially before leaving the city but the above experience did not encourage me to do so. I may state in conclusion that I am not a politician and have no desire to injure Mr. Houston in the present campaign. I write only in fairness to Vancouver, whose citizens have always entertained the kindliest feeling for your city and invariably receive with courtesy your citizens and civic officials when they visit the Coast.

I have been told since that this was Mr. Houston's "way" and that he did not intend to mean offence but his whole make-up certainly did not give me that impression. Trusting that you will give this space in your valuable paper, I beg to remain,

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10:20 a.m	1.4 feet.	10 40 a.m	1.4 feet
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Looking for Iron.—Homer H. Twaney of McKeesport, Pa., and a party of American mining men were in the city yesterday on their way to the West Coast, where they are interested in a number of iron properties bonded last year and which it is said to be their intention to develop. They will visit Anderson Lake, Sereta, Copper Isand and other points. Mr. Twaney is one of those interested in the proposal to establish iron and steel works on the Pacific Coast.

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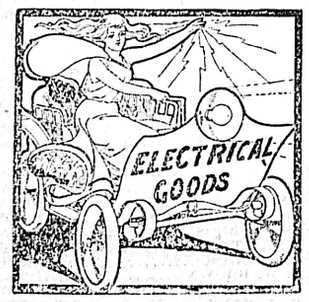

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T. & L. Council.—The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council is to be held this evening.

Again Adjourned.—The trial of Regina vs. Holland was yesterday further adjourned by consent until to-morrow.

Victoria Clearing House.—The total of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending May 15 were $702,436; balances, $268,297.

Funeral To-day.—The funeral of the late Mr. Robertson will take place at 2.30 this afternoon from the family residence, 192 Cook street.

For Red Cross Society.—The treasurer of the local branch of the British Red Cross Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation to the funds of the society of $12 from the Cedar Hill public school.

Dance Postponed.—The dance that was to be held at the Hospital Point barracks on Friday is indefinitely postponed owing to Lieut.-Col. Mackay having received orders from headquarters to increase the company to 100 men at once.

Patriotic Concert.—The children who took part in the floral cantata are requested to meet at the Reformed Episcopal Sunday school on Thursday at 4 p.m. as the cantata is to be included in the patriotic concert.

Laid at Rest.—Rev. D. MacRae conducted the services at the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Jones, of Esquimalt road, which occurred on Monday. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. McDonald, P. Laurie, W. Beaney, and W. A. Hayes.

Will Visit Victoria.—Representatives of the International Sunday School Association of the United States are about to make a tour of the West and one of them, Marion Laurence, of Toledo, Ohio, will visit Victoria, addressing a meeting of Sabbath school workers on June 10.

Assayers' Exams.—Although there were six applicants only four candidates are writing at the examination for assayers' certificates being held this week at the department of mines. The examiners are Mr. Robertson, provincial mineralogist; Mr. Carmichael, provincial assayer, and Mr. Kiddy, of Texada Island.

Goods for Dawson.—The appearance yesterday of the sidewalk on Johnson street opposite the premises of Messrs. McCandless Bros. vividly recalled the days of the great Klondike boom. A large shipment of goods for their Dawson branch was in process of being sent out and the size of the shipment is a good indication that Victorians are getting a goodly share of the remote northern trade.

Burned to Death.—Miss Celia Francis a native of Victoria, aged 22 years, died at Bennett on May 7, as the result of burns received while lighting a fire with kerosene three days previously. For a number of years deceased lived in Seattle with her stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Roberts. Prior to her death she conducted a restaurant. The body was sent to Seattle for interment.

A Furniture Trust.—A new combine in the Eastern commercial world is the British-American Furniture company, capitalized at $3,000,000 and having its headquarters in Toronto. The new trust, for such it really is, already embraces thirty-two of the largest furniture factories in the Dominion and they have now opened negotiations for the purchase of Mr. J. Sehls' establishment at Laurel Point in this city.

OVEROSE OF CHLORAL.

J. L. Wood Found Dead in Bed in a Fairhaven Hotel.

This morning (Saturday) at 6 o'clock, says the Fairhaven Herald, a stranger by the name of J. L. Wood was found dead in his room at the Central lodging house, on the corner of Holly and Bay streets. An examination of his effects showed that he was a printer, and last a member of Typographical Union No. 201, of Victoria, B. C. His wife lives at No. 600 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco, Cal. Up to within a short time ago Wood had been working as a Linotype operator on the Tacoma Ledger, having gone to that place from Seattle, where he worked on the P.-I. He arrived in town with the "Quo Vadis" company, and had been on a spree for several days.

Dr. Henderson was notified as soon as the man's death was discovered, and decided that he came to his death by an overdose of chloral, a small portion of the drug remaining in a glass on a stand near by. It is supposed that he took the stuff in order to quiet his nerves. He was a man of possibly 35 years of age, and fairly well dressed. He was about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighed about 180 pounds. A telegram was sent to his wife, and the authorities are awaiting instructions as to the disposition of the remains.

A letter addressed to the deceased was forwarded to Fairhaven in care of the Herald office from the composing room of the Seattle P.-I., bearing the Tacoma post-mark, and when opened, under instructions of the coroner, was found to contain a travelling card of the International Typographical Union, issued by Tamoca union, which is evidence of the fact that he intended to locate in this part of the country.

Inquiry among the printers developed the fact that the home of the deceased was in Houston, Texas, where resides an aged mother, to whom the news of her son's death will prove a very sad affliction.

Wood was known in Victoria and worked in this city for a short time last December. He came here from the Sound, but did not remain long.

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John T. Elliot Makes a Dramatic Attempt at Suicide.

Prisoner Charged With Forgery Startles Magistrate Hall and Spectators.

Will swallowing a quantity of broken glass cause death? There may have been some doubt about the matter, but John T. Elliott proposes that there shall be none hereafter. Yesterday that unfortunate individual, who was having a hearing in the police court before Magistrate Hall, on the charge of having forged the name of E. B. Marvin & Co. on two checks for $37 each, deliberately placed in his mouth a portion of a broken glass bottle, chewed the same and swallowed it.

As can easily be imagined, this action on the part of the prisoner caused a sensation in court, but Elliott was the coolest among those present. He wants to die; and having read that broken glass taken internally will cause death, he accordingly took a considerable quantity with suicidal intent.

Shortly after the case had been called yesterday morning, Elliott, who was of course in the prisoners' dock, was noticed by the spectators to take something from his pocket, place it in his mouth and chew it. The operation of mastication was somewhat difficult; and Detective Palmer, who was standing behind the prisoner, thought the man was gritting his teeth. Going round to where he could get a look at Elliott's face, he noticed he was making painful grimaces, so he asked him what he was chewing.

"It is not tobacco, anyway," was Elliott's reply.

His suspicions being aroused, Detective Palmer spoke to Chief Langley, who was conducting the prosecution, and told him he thought the actions of the prisoner ought to be investigated.

Elliott at this point, the evidence of the witness who was being examined having been concluded, said to the magistrate: "What is the use of going any further with the case? Haven't you got enough I have already got a change of venue, and my case will go to a higher tribunal."

The man was then removed from the dock, under instructions from Chief Langley, and ordered to expectorate what he had in his mouth. It was found to be broken glass. The further hearing of the case was hastily adjourned, the prisoner removed to his cell, and Dr. Fraser communicated with by telephone and apprised of the man's condition. Dr. Fraser expressed little alarm for the ultimate result of Elliott's folly, as if he had not swallowed too great a quantity of the glass he would probably experience no very evil results. The doctor ordered the man to be given nothing but liquid food for some time, save a quantity of potatoes, as this is considered the best method of treating his case; and as the prisoner was seen by the physician last evening and apparently suffering no discomfort, he will probably be all right in a few days.

The case was continued in the afternoon with no sensational developments, and the prisoner committed for trial. He was at once removed to the provincial gaol.

An investigation disclosed the fact that Elliott had discovered a small bottle in his cell, and, breaking the same, carried the pieces into the court room to perform the act which he hoped would result in suicide. As illustrating the reckless bravado of the prisoner, it is related that when informed that the doctor had given it as his opinion that the glass he had swallowed would in all probability do him no harm, he laughingly replied: "All right; give me the rest of it, then. It will probably serve to distract my attention from my misfortunes."

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Many Applications Received for Space in the Procession for Floats.

The prospects of the coming celebration of the Queen's Birthday eclipsing and previous events of the kind held in Victoria, grows brighter as the time draws nearer. Another very successful meeting of the finance committee was held last evening and although the appropriations made slightly exceed the collections, the anticipations are that before the end of the week all the funds necessary will be available. A committee consisting of Major Williams and Messrs. H. M. Grahame and A. J. Dallain were given a racing commission to solicit subscriptions from those who have not already subscribed and the secretary was instructed to request the chairman of the collecting committees, who have not reported, to do so at as early a date as possible, complete their collections and hand in their books. A full list of the subscribers will be published in a few days.

An additional $100 was voted for the monster parade on the afternoon of the 24th, which will be a novety in a Victoria celebration. The secretary has received a large number of applications for spaces for floats in the procession. All applications must be in by Friday evening, when the committee meets to finally arrange the programme.

Arrangements have been made to close Government street to traffic on the evening of the illumination and light the whole street with colored lights.

Another meeting of the regatta committee will be held to-morrow evening.

The secretary received a letter from Mr. C. E. Tisdall, of Vancouver, stating that he understands the Islander will leave Vancouver at 1.15 on the afternoon of the 23rd and the Yosemite at 6.30 a.m. on the morning of the 24th. He suggests that the Islander be held at Vancouver until 6 or 7 on the evening of the 23rd, in which event he says several hundred more Vancouverites would come down.

The sports committee met last evening at the city hall, there being present Chief Deasy in the chair and Secretary Boggs, T. Watson, B. Schwengers and W. E. Ditchburn. It was decided that the sports take place on Friday morning at the Hill the baseball commencing at 9.30 on the grounds outside the Victoria College and the football at 10.30 on the grounds adjoining.

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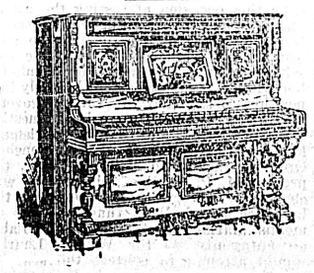

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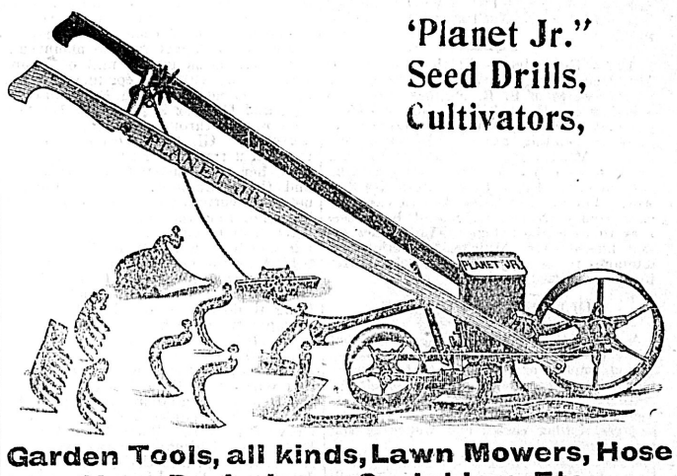

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Back From The North.

Tees Returns From a Trip to Northern British Columbia Ports.

Canadian Development Company Purchase the Sternwheeler Sybil.

The steamer Tees, Capt. Steele, returned early yesterday morning from Northern British Columbia ports, bringing down the report that the steamers Strathcona and Caledonia had failed to get further than the Little Canyon on their first trip up the Skeena. The Monte Cristo, drawing less water, started just before the Tees sailed, and will probably get through.

The spring salmon are not running to any extent yet, but Wallace Bros., the new owners of the Claxton cannery, who propose to can, pickle and freeze fish for the European market, sent down a shipment of 25 tons of pickled salmon for shipment to London. The Tees will sail for Skagway on Thursday evening.

MONTH'S SHIPPING.

Position of Grain Market and Freight Rates Continues Unchanged.

In their freight and shipping report for April, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Limited, say: "The position of the grain market as well as freight rates continues unchanged. The tonnage offered during the month has been limited, and few charters have been reported. Tonnage for early loading is still scarce, although the export mills are not suffering for want of carriers, but are now reaping the benefit of forward charters effected months ago at reasonable rates as compared with present quotations. There is a good demand for lumber at full schedule prices."

INCREASING THEIR FLEET.

Canadian Development Company Purchase the River Steamer Sybil.

The Canadian Development Company yesterday completed the purchase from Mr. A. S. Reid of the river steamer Sybil, now lying in winter quarters in the Hootalinqua river. The Sybil is a vessel about the size of the R. P. Rithet, and is splendidly fitted out. She is in charge of Capt. Clarence Cox and a crew from this city, who went North several weeks ago, and will run in conjunction with the other boats belonging to the company, between White Horse and Dawson, providing a through route for the White Pass & Yukon Company. The price paid for the Sybil was between $40,000 and $50,000.

The company contemplate placing a steamer on the Atlin route when navigation fully opens.

MARINE NOTES.

The Amur sails for the North this evening with a heavy freight and a large number of passengers.

Steamer Queen City sailed last evening for Northern British Columbia ports with a full cargo.

Grman bark Helies is on berth at Vladivostock for Victoria.

LOCAL NEWS.

Opens To-day.—The annual convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church in British Columbia opens to-day at the Metropolitan church.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 15.—A portion of Brabant's Horse occupied Ladybrand to-day and another portion is pushing on to Clocoland.

Looking for His Mother.—Dr. Harris, of San Francisco, is making enquiries as to the whereabouts of the mother of Harry Granville, she, it is believed, being in Victoria. The news the doctor has is of the greatest importance and urgency.

Again Restrained.—At the instance of Mr. James M. Muirhead, administrator of the estate of S. R. Holmes, who was killed in the Point Ellice bridge disaster, on whose account a suit for $5,000 damages is pending against the city, Mr. Justice Martin yesterday issued another order restraining the city from removing the old Point Ellice Bridge until the 21st inst. The contention is that in case the case comes to trial it would be necessary to view the bridge. The former order lapsed, Mr. Muirhead's action for damages for the injuries he received having been settled.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A despatch from Bombay states that while the police were searching at Vizagapatam, capital of the district of the same name, in the presidency of Madras, for the murderers of two constables, they were attacked by a mob. They fired upon their assailants, killing eleven and wounding sixteen others.

Russia has shipped 100,000 coolies from China to Manchuria to construct the railway to Port Arthur. The fortifications at Port Arthur are progressing rapidly and the troops, ammunition and supplies there far exceed the necessities of railway protection.

A Copenhagen cable says that the Vearland, the organ of the Danish government in that city, states that Denmark is considering a plan to put an end to the Danish West Indian Islands mystery by placing the islands in the hands of a chartered company, which will conduct their affairs under the Danish flag, and thereby cut off Germany as well as the United States from obtaining possession of the islands.

The big Palace hotel, which has been projected for some time in Toronto, is likely to be an accomplished fact soon. A Boston syndicate offered to take $850,000 of interest in the venture provided $400,000 is raised by same stock there. The capital will thus be $1,20,000.

A Port Colbourne, Ont., despatch says two suspicious characters were fired upon by the soldiers guarding the Welland canal at Port Robinson at midnight on Saturday night. The men escaped in boats.

The new Beaver line steamer Lake Chaplain sailed from Liverpool to Montreal yesterday with about 800 passengers.

Mayor A. F. Stoneham, Liberal, was returned for Nova Scotia in Yarmouth yesterday.

The London Gazette announces that the Queen has conferred knighthood upon the Right Hon. Edward Henry Carson, the newly-appointed solicitor-general.

MINING ACTIVITY.

Large Amount of Money to Be Expended in Development Work on West Coast.

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, M. E., who is spending a few days in the city, speaks very encouragingly for a lively season in the mining camps of the West Coast. Representatives of an American company are visiting iron properties which they bonded last year on Anderson Lake, Copper Island and Sereta, and it is said to be their intention to commence development work immediately, the ore upon anaylsis having proved to be all that it was represented. An English company which secured some 40 or 50 claims, including the Forfarshire group, on Anderson Lake, have an expert in the field picking out the best properties for development, and it is believed a large amount of money will be spent this season. Work is to be re-commenced on the Three W's and other properties on Granite creek, and there is talk of a resumption of work on the Alberni Consolidated, one of the parties interested having recently returned from London.

There is an agitation on foot for the construction of a trail from Spreat lake to Kennedy lake, over a richly mineralized divide. This would open up a new district on the West Coast.

Bucalossi's Black Mantles.

The Charming and Lively Opera to Be Presented During This Week.

Catchy Airs and Choruses and Bubbling Over With Spanish Gaiety.

On Thursday and Friday evenings will be presented to a Victoria audience Bucalossi's charming opera "Black Mantles." This is a work very much of the same nature as the "Geisha," replete with catchy, tuneful airs, and rousing and inspiriting choruses, such music as appeals to the tastes of all, and needless to say does not appeal in vain. Humorous and complicated situations abound, the interpretation of which is in capable hands. The whole opera is bubbling over with the gaieties of Spanish life of the time of Queen Isabella and promises to captivate its hearers as much if not more so than the "Geisha." The work of both principals and chorus gives evidence of careful and artistic training, which apparently has been entered into with avidity. The keenest enthusiasm and appreciation of their parts is shown by all.

The scene of "The Black Mantles" opens at the little Spanish village of Valados, where Girola is about to be married to Dromez, the miller, whom she detests. The villagers are surprised by the approach of Don Jose, who announces the coming of the King and Queen. The Chamberlain is particularly sensible to feminine charms, though he is secretly married to one of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting, Rosina de Pontevedra. He informs Nicola that his house will be required by the Queen and her suite. While the Chamberlain inspects the farm house the bride and bridegroom meet, and the former avows her dislike to Dromez, and asserts that she loves a young officer who has rescued her from bandits, but whom she knows only by his voice. Girola's hero is Don Luis de Rosamonte, and he makes his appearance to meet the bride the Queen has chosen for him—the above named Rosina. Don Luig loves Girola, and has made good use of his voice in serenading her; meeting Don Jose he hears of the approaching marriage, and the Chamberlain learns that his own wife is intended by the Queen for Don Luis. Don Luis encounters Dromez, dressed for the wedding, and bribes him to resign his place at the altar, a second suit of wedding garments being luckily available for Don Luis, a black cloak and slouched hat aiding the deception. The King and Queen now appear with their court, the marriage is over and Don Luis enters in his own dress; Girola's husband has disappeared, and Dromez is dragged from the barn in which he has hid. Don Jose and Don Luis have each a game to play—Girola is disconsolate and Dromez mystified. The Royal party depart for the mountain.

Act II. opens in the mill of Dromez, whither the villagers conduct the bridal party. Girola and the bridesmaids retire, and Dromez is joined by Don Luis, who enters through the secret door in search of Girola. Dromez descends through a trap just as Girola enters and finds her real husband, and Don Philip and the Chamberlain enter. Girola is not quite certain as to the identity of her husband, and the black cloaks of the three lead to strange complications, during which each retire, leaving his cloak behind as the Queen and attendants enter to search the mill. Don Luis manages to effect his escape, and helps the King to do like wise, while Don Jose is dragged from his hiding place.

Act III. is the Palace of Santiago, where the Queen and court await Don Jose's explanation; when Dromez enters with the three black cloaks, and commences to give his history of their owners. This causes a good deal of consternation to the King, Don Luis and Don Jose. Ultimately, however, matters are cleared up, and the Queen bestows a dukedom on Don Lis and Dromez gets his fees, and in the hackneyed phrase of the novelist all ends happily.

The cast is as follows:

Girola, The belle of Valados ..... Miss Lucentine Hartnagle
Isabel, Queen of the Castille .... Miss Sehl
Inery, Maid of honor ..... Miss Hayward
Don Luis de Rosmonte, a Spanish officer ..... Mr. H. J. Cave
Don Jose, the king's chamberlain ..... Mr. Geo. Philips
Don Philip of Arragar, King Consort ..... Mr. J. M. Bradburn
Dromenz, a miller ..... Mr. C. W. Rhodes
Nicola, a farmer ..... Mr. E. Scholefield
Manuel, a tailor ..... Mr. W. T. Williams
Hunters, Peasants, Courtiers, Pages, Maids of Honor, etc.

The chorus, an exceptionally strong one, is composed of the following well-known vocalists:

Sopranos: The Misses Morrison, Meyers, Daniels, Nicholson, Dunlevy, Short, S. Short, V. Pauline, Wagner, McFarland, and Atkinson.

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Tenors: Messrs. L. York, W. York, J. P. Hibben, Hewett, Etherton, Wilders, Savage and Galbraith.

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Gold Mining In Korea.

Pritchard Morgan Returns From the Disturbed Kingdom by the Empress.

Sir Ernest Satow, British Ambassador to Japan, also a Passenger.

Mr. Pritchard Morgan, M. P., probably the most conspicuous figure in the eyes of the Anglo-Asiatic world, arrived over by the Empress of India yesterday from Yokohama, on his way to England, after a tempestuous experience in Korea extending over the past four months. Everyone has heard of the celebrated "concession" in mining which Mr. Morgan and those interested with him have been endeavoring to obtain from the Korean government. It has passed through various stages, and at last the English syndicate represented by Mr. Morgan have secured what they are entitled to regard as a fixed privilege. The mining territory in consideration contains about forty square miles in the auriferous portion of Korea, the country being in formation very similar to South Africa, the gold-strata mixed with a limestone in much the same proportion as meat in a common sandwich. The expert taken out from Scotland by Mr. Morgan found the general average of the quartz to run £4 3s. 4d. to the ton, and the quantity of ore appeared inexhaustible. Many obstacles were thrown in the way of Mr. Morgan securing the concession for which he and his associates had been negotiating, and it was only about five weeks ago that the long-pending deal was closed and Mr. Morgan's company entered into undisputed possession of the ground. The Koreans in their long continued opposition to the Morgan concession were spurred on by M. Pabloff, the Russian charge d'affairs, their antagonism being subsequently withdrawn upon the acceptation of the following terms of settlement:

1. That Pritchard Morgan should pay certain compensation, to be arrived at by two arbitrators, for the work done upon the concession property since the last floods;

2. That the Korean miners should be allowed to work the alluvial workings for twelve months;

3. That the armed Japanese should be withdrawn.

So secure is Mr. Morgan in his concession that he enjoys the distinction of being the first European accorded a private interview with the Emperor of Korea, and he is now accredited as consul-general for Korea to Great Britain, while it is a fairly accurate guess that the King was within the past sixty days sold out entire—his 25 per cent. interest—for a cash discount, to Mr. Morgan.

As for the future of Korea, Mr. Morgan says that it must for the present remain a buffer state, such as Belgium is in Europe, unharrassed and untrammelled. It is to the interest of Great Britain, Russia, Germany, the United States and France to preserve the integrity of Korea, and for this reason the peace of the Hermit Kingdom may be expected to remain undisturbed, for the present at all events.

Sir Ernest Satow, another prominent passenger by the Empress, is the returning British ambassador, who has nothing to say officially, but (quite unofficially, of course,) declares that the talk of war between Russia and Japan is all nonsense—that there is no sign at all of hostilities. He is himself on furlough—and knows nothing concerning the political situation in the troubled Orient.

Of the other passengers across, one of the most interesting from a local standpoint was Miss Le Nina Burnett, who has lived in the Orient for the last six months. Miss Burnett, is a popular Vancouver girl, who is delighted to get back to her native city. She says the Japanese have been very much overrated; she admits their superiority in the blending of colors, but as social equals, denies that they are up to the standard of white civilization. The Japanese gentlemen are particularly objectionable, Miss Burnett says living in the Orient makes one so dependent; one brought up in Canadian atmosphere becomes imediately lackadaisical, and there is no incentive in that enervated atmosphere to induce one to self-reliance. She has returned to this country to be bridesmaid for Miss Moncrief, of Vancouver, who is shortly to marry Mr. C. H.H. Cameron. Miss Burnett is a typical Canadian girl, full of energy and ambition, and has come to the conclusion that there is no place like the old Dominion.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Stated That He Will Run in Provencher, Manitoba.

It is stated, says the Montreal Gazette, that Mr. Lariviere, M. P. for Provencher, Man., has received important news from friends in his constituency. It is said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while running in his old division of Quebec East, will also accept the Liberal candidature in Provencher, against Mr. Lariviere. It has been repeatedly declared that the Manitoba school question has not been settled to the satisfaction of the Roman Catholic minority, and it is now said that the Prime Minister will take this occasion of testing the matter once and for all. If Sir Wilfrid should be able to secure election in the most pronounced French and Catholic constituency in the province of Manitoba, his friends say that he will be truly in a position to say that the Liberal government has settled the school question wisely and well, and that the settlement has been approved of by Provencher. On the other hand, Mr. Lariviere, the present M. P. for the division, who was elected by a very large majority at the last election, declares that he is by no means alarmed even if so redoubtable an antagonist as Sir Wilfrid Laurier should attempt to contest the seat in question. Mr. Lariviere had a majority of several hundred in June, 1896, and he believes he can easily defeat the Prime Minister.

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Letters to The Editor

ENCOURAGE THE MINER.

Sir: I am very pleased to see you constantly advocating means for attracting capital and people to this great province. From my experience of roughing it in the Atlin district for about two years I would suggest that easier means of obtaining land and mineral claims be adopted for genuine miners, prospectors, explorers, farmers, etc. I certainly think that land on this Island in the unexplored parts could be given away or sold in twenty acre tracts at a nominal figure until a certain quantity was settled and opened up. It was distinctly told us in Atlin that we could neither squat upon nor purchase land from the government for ranching purposes, but could lease five acres for five years, and whatever improvements were put on the land reverted to the government! In the matter of claims, both placer and mineral, a certain amount of honest work done ought to entitle a miner to his claim and a deed conveying clear title to same ought to be given to him. I don't know whether our legislators understand the difficulties of miners and prospectors and know of their numerous failures and hardships, but only hearing of the successful ones turn green with envy and so pass laws which give the miner scant encouragement. No tax ought to be put upon the miner at all, because in the first place he is practically away, when in the wilds, from official protection. In Atlin there was no provincial policeman till six or seven months after the rush. During October, November and December there was no policeman of any sort in there and whenever he does find gold the government is well repaid by the country being opened up by the new rush. In your columns I have seen it stated from time to time that the people attracted by these gold rushes would gradually settle in the country, but such has not been my experience; the man from Australia, England, Africa or the States having met with no luck in British Columbia at his first venture decides to return from whence he came. Although he may have spent a thousand or so for his experiences in the country, there is no special inducement for him to stay. He cannot take up land, and if down in his luck he finds he has to have a license for fishing, hunting and trading. Chinese and Japs are employed in most of the lower walks of life in town and country. In offices and stores boys and girls are employed at nominal salaries and there is no apparent use for the grown man. There is still a certain amount of trouble in Atlin, but only that which could be settled by a gold commissioner (any man of common sense). A gold commissioner should be given full power to decide priority and genuineness of staking and recording claims. Speediness and despatch are the only fair means of treating the camp. Let full powers be given to Mr. Graham to deal with the matter at once, for remember the working season is short and last year's dilatoriness on the part of the government bankrupted many an old-timer of Atlin. I suppose nowhere else in the world has a poor man had to hang around for ten months and do nothing whilst his claims were being settled and then have to put up $25 before he would be listened to. Mr. Justice Irving was just about ten months behind, though not his fault, in giving his decisions in Atlin. I fancy his decisions were given more with the idea of fairness than the strict letter of the law, so why, this year, should they wait to send a lawyer up? Why not, as I said before, give over this once anyway full powers to Mr. Graham? "Time is money" more in Atlin than in most places. What I considered my best claim in Atlin is a bench adjoining a creek claim still in dispute, or was so when I came out last October. Even should this be decided at once it would be necessary for me to hold my claim for two or three years before I could work it to any advantage.

AN ATLIN PIONEER.

MR. McPHILLIPS' POSITION.

Sir: I notice that the following resolution was passed at the meeting held at Philharmonic hall last evening:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting the government of Hon. Joseph Martin should be opposed, regardless of Dominion party lines, by candidates who will stand pledged to primarily oppose the formation of a purely Liberal or purely Conservative government in the legislature."

I may say that a draft of the resolution was submitted to me, and after perusing the same I stated that I could not assent to it. It was then proposed to insert the word "primarily," which, you will observe, is contained in the resolution as passed. To this my answer was that if the executive committee of the campaign organization approved of it and desired me to assent to it, I would do so, but that it would have to be passed upon by them. Further, when the word "primarily" was inserted I stated it to mean—as it does mean—that after the defeat of the government of the Hon. Joseph Martin by the united forces of the legislature, the Victoria City members should in the first instance use their influence to bring about the formation of an administration that would not be purely Liberal or Conservative in its personnel, i. e., that faith should be kept with those who fought for a common object. It would seem that my position has not been rightly understood, and it is my duty to the electorate to explain it. I will endeavor to do so in the following:

(1.) I am opposed to the government of the Hon. Joseph Martin, and will (if elected) vote to defeat it.

(2.) The government being defeated, I will (if elected) favor the formation of a government made up of the united forces that defeated the Martin administration.

(3.) Should it not be possible to unite the opposition forces or a sufficient number of them upon lines independent of party lines, that then I shall be at liberty to exercise my best judgment as to what course to adopt.

(4.) Finally, that, subject to what I have stated above, I am a believer in party government, and am a Liberal-Conservative.

A. E. McPHILLIPS.

Victoria, May 15, 1900.

SITUATION SATISFACTORY.

Sir: The meeting held last evening—ex-Mayor Redfern in the chair—resulted highly satisfactorily to all those electors favoring the disappearance of all Dominion party lines in provincial politics, thereby enabling very many Dominion Liberals to go hand in hand with those of other opinions in the one great issue, the defeat of the present Premier personally, and the restoration of government otherwise than by him and the present Lieutenant-Governor of the province. But, sir, there seems to be an undercurrent of doubt and fear in the minds of many Liberal voters that the Conservatives—more commonly called the Turnerites—are using the present crisis for the restoration of that party to power, and many Liberals are unwilling to lend them a helping hand, although entirely antagonistic to the Hon. Joseph Martin; whereas, were they assured that in this coming election the Turnerites were acting entirely disinterestedly and as they (the Liberals) are, in turning their backs on one of their own party, large numbers more than under the existing state of doubt would flock to the polls, voting irrespective of party for the candidates pledged to turn out the government.

The four opposition candidates for this city pledged themselves at last night's meeting to contest the seats on non-party lines. Now if they would "go one better," as the saying is, their position would be strengthened immensely.

Let them declare in the public prints that should they be returned to this parliament they will not accept office unless a proportionate number of the portfolios be offered to the Liberal party in the house such ministers to be nominated by that party if possible and the number to be arranged as near as can be by the proportion the total number of votes the defeated party bears; to the successful one. Thus, 9,000 voters recorded in the city two-thirds went for the Turnerites, then, one-third of the government portfolios should be offered to the Liberal members in the house.

Of course this manifesto would only touch the first three members on last night's meeting, but could be adopted throughout the counry by the present opposition candidates with equally telling effect.

J. B. M.

Victoria, B.C., May 15.

HELP FOR SANDON.

Sir: We have just learned by means of the press and private letters that many hundreds of people are homeless in the town of Sandon, and a very large number are without food and clothing. A generous offer has been made by the steamboat and railway authorities to carry free of charge any relief that may be sent to the sufferers in that city. Through your columns, the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria desire to make an earnest appeal to those who can assist in helping the unfortunate citizens of Sandon to do so by sending clothing of all kinds to the "Home," 108 Cormorant street, where a committee of ladies will receive donations and forward to their destination.

MRS. GORDON GRANT,
President Central W. C. T. U.
MRS. FRANK ADAMS,
President Willard W. C. T. U.

INDIANS' APPEAL.

Two Northern Tribesmen Complain of Their Treatment.

The following letter has been received by the Colonist:

Sir: We, the undersigned, the humble representatives of three tribes on Naas river, who in council assembled have sent us to express through the columns of your paper their deplorable condition. The tribes we represent are Kit-ha-tin, Kit-win-chest and Kit-lum-tonics.

Since the missionaries' glorious advent the doctrine of our forefathers have been perverted as a chimera in the delusive clouds gradually dipping the horizon to slumber in oblivion.

They have disciples converted from our tribes known as Kin-ko-hes, Green Vails and Lyans, who are the very blood of their ancestors, a little tinted with a pale green color, which gives them authority over the dark skins who dare to tread on the white snow that covers the ground of a new era.

Arrests are made under every pretext. Even love can no longer exist in its charms of bliss amid flowers and song in a Northern forest, in evidence of which an example is docketed in the emaculate court, and fine and imprisonment imposed to secure virtue in the unlimited forests of British Columbia, as these rude lovers felt perfect safety in plighted faith two days' paddle from the reservation. But, alas! Poor Cupid, you must be shot like an owl in a hollow tree. No escapades allowed. Contribution is business, and money the diadem in the sanctity of the crown head.

Notwithstanding this and the many acts of extortion under color of law to which we are subject, we believe there is a limit to all things, even the capacity of the ermine with its horde of young seeking the golden egg. We are not so far lost to a sense of our national faith in the land that gave us birth as British subjects to submit to marauding acts of reservation policemen in seizing our persons as legitimate plunder under color of law, and extorting a ransom to the extent of our pile for a release. No, we cannot do that without an investigation, as the laws of an Indian reservation are defined by parliament holding their session at Ottawa, and beyond the reservation boundaries comes the laws of our Dominion government in a different statute book under the jurisdiction of an entirely different court, and the acts of the one in the territory of the others is an assumption of authority that cannot be overlooked by those who suffer by the acts of usurpers.

In time, after we have collected all the evidence, we will place the same before the proper authorities, in whose integrity and honor we place a firm reliance for redress of grievances, and will respectfully ask for the appointment of competent judges to rule in our courts of justice.

AMES GOSNELL.
NES-LES-YAN.

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School Children's Parade

AT SUPT. EATON'S OFFICE,

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COMMITTEE ROOMS,

4 p.m. Wednesday 16th

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A campaign, involving the employment of many thousands of men and the fighting of two sanguinary pitched battles, was once begun and ended on the same day. The glory of this unique achievement belongs to the British arms. In 1843 things bore a threatening aspect in the Central Indian State of Gwalior, inhabited by the Mahrattas, considered the most formidable warriors we had up to then encountered in our Indian wars.

Intelligence reached the British authorities that the magnificent Mahratta army of 30,000 infantry, 10,000 cavalry, and 200 guns contemplated not only a military despotism, but an active alliance with their neighbors of the Punjab, in the event of which British influence might be threatened by a combined Sikh and Mahratta army, composed of 150,000 men with 500 guns. Accordingly, as a precautionary measure, Lord Ellenborough ordered the assembly of an army of excise on the Gwalior frontier. This force was divided into two portions; on the northern boundary Sir Hugh Gough commanded 12,000 men and forty field pieces, on the eastern was stationed Gen. Grey, with 4,000 infantry and a few batteries of horse artillery.

The concentration took place in November, 1843, and it had the effect of bringing the native authorities to their senses; but while they sulkily acquiesced in the orders emanating from British diplomatists, the internal disorders went on increasing. Finally, it was decided that nothing short of a British occupation of the capital, Gwalior, could put a stop to the unsatisfactory state of affairs prevailing, so on December 17 both Gough's and Grey's forces crossed the frontier for this purpose. No one suspected that there would be any fighting, the native government was known to be peacefully inclined, and the contingency of the Mahratta army revolting, to oppose the British advance on its own account, was quite overlooked. But no sooner had the two British columns commenced their march than the Mahrattas declared their rulers traitors, and hastened to take up defensive positions. Gough appears to have entirely discrediated the warning that reached him, for he left his siege train behind Agra and allowed his wife, and the wives of many other officers, to accompany the column, riding on elephants at its head.

At daybreak on December 26 his troops commenced the passage of the Kohari river in leisurely fashion. A halt was called for breakfast, and immediately on the resumption of the march everybody was startled by hearing a heavy gun fired from the woods fringing a little village named Maharajpore, and following the report a spent cannon-ball rolled between the legs of Lady Gough's elephant. Within another few minutes the woods became lined with flames from the mouths of 175 pieces, as they discharged with terrible accuracy a storm of shot and shell into the British ranks. The surprise was complete. The ladies were hurried to the rear, and a council of war was summonde. The battle which ensued raged for three hours, and the fighting was of a most desperate character. By mid-day, however, the victory was ours the Mahrattas fleeing from the field and leaving behind them 3,000 killed and wounded and 156 guns.

By a curious coincidence, at the very same hour this sanguinary and unexpected conflict terminated, the second British force, under Gen. Grey, which was operating many miles away from Gough's line of advance, was attacked by the second Mahratta army, 12,000 strong. Maharajpore had been a soldiers' battle, but this, the battle of Punneah, was to be decided by good generalship. The little British army, by a series of masterly manoeuvres, drove the enemy from all points of his position, capturing his artilery, and inflicting a loss of 3,000 men. This completed the day's work, and, in fact, ended the war, which may be said to have begun at nine o'clock that morning with the firing of the cannon ball at Lady Gough's elephant.

CRONJE AND SCHIEL.

How They Behaved On the Voyage to St. Helena.

The following particulars of the voyage of Cronje and his fellow-prisoners to St. Helena were given the officers of the steamer Milwaukee at Halifax in an interview which was briefly referred to in the despatches a few days ago:

After debarking the last detachment of the Canadian troops the Milwaukee sailed for Simon Bay, where she was joined by the first-class British cruiser Niobe. Cronje, Colonel Schiel and the other Boer prisoners were taken on board, also a guard of over 100 men. The steamer sailed for St. Helena April 3, accompanied by the Niobe. Captain Webster said the prisoners would have given but little trouble had it not been for Schiel, who kept stirring them up and was continually planning escape. Getting some of the others to help him, he made one bold attempt just on arriving at St. Helena. A Dutch man-of-war steamed near the Milwaukee, and it was said she was going into St. Helena for coal. In the night Col. Schiel and his accomplices endeavored to lower boats, intending to get on board the Dutch ship, probably with Cronje. They were discovered, however, in time, and the Niobe soon forced the foreigner to make herself scarce.

As a rule, the prisoners were well behaved. They sang hymns at the top of their voices continually, day and night, until it grew somewhat wearisome, as all hands on board were kept awake. They reached St. Helena on the 10th, and the Milwaukee left on the 18th of April for Halifax.

R. R. Williamson, first engineer of the Milwaukee, speaking of Cronje said he seemed to be brooding deeply when alone. He would sit for hours outside the cabin looking out over the sea or else with his head bent down. He appeared quite melancholy, but when approached would try to brighten up. None of the prisoners were placed in irons. They were permitted the use of the deck of the steamer, but guards patrolled every quarter.

Commander Cronje, looking over the side of the Milwaukee and seeing the four-funnelled warship Niobe right alongside, with watches set, was heard to remark: "We are firmly held."

The health of the prisoners was excellent, except four cases of measles, for which the transport was temporarily placed in quarantine.

Cronje and his wife and two servants were the first to leave the transport. After the arrival of the Milwaukee at St. Helena the governor issued a proclamation expressing the hope that the inhabitants would treat the prisoners with courtesy and consideration. The main body of Boers, including Col. Schiel and the Dutch minister, were marched to a place called Deadwood on the summit of the mountain.

It took the prisoners seven hours to traverse the winding road to their exile home. The prisoners were quartered under canvas in an enclosure of barbed wire fence, upward of three acres in extent. General and Mrs. Cronje were kept apart from the other prisoners and located in Kent Cottage. The prisoners are guarded by a detachment of the 4th Staffordshire Regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Leefe.

One Sunday evening, said Capt. Webster to-day, Cronje came into my room, and of course I made him welcome. Noticing a phonograph on my dressing case he asked me to play him a selection, and I put on "God Save the Queen." He raised a large sombrero hat off his head to do justice to England's sovereign.

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The Famine In India.

Many Millions of People Are Affected by the Horrible Conditions.

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From the London Times.

The Lord Mayor has received the following statement from the secretary of state for India on the subject of the famine in India:

The present famine was caused by the failure of the accustomed rainfall during the autumn of 1899, and the effects of this failure were greatly aggravated in Bombay, Rajputana, and the Central Provinces, and to a less extent in the Northwestern Provinces and the Punjab, by the lateness of the usual winter rains.

According to the latest accounts the tracts affected by the present famine contain a population of 85,000,000, of whom perhaps 62,000,000 may be severely affected. Of the 85,000,000, 43,500,000 are inhabitants of native states and 41,750,000 are in British territory. The most severely affected tracts are the Central Provinces, the northern parts of the Bombay Presidency, and the Bombay native states, the greater part of the Rajputana states, and a large part of the Central India states. At the end of March, 1900, the number of people in receipt of relief were:

British Provinces	
Bombay	1,290,000
Punjab	211,000
Central Provinces	1,513,000
Berar	355,000
Ajmer-Merwara	112,000
Northwest Provinces	3,000
Madras	11,000
Total British Provinces	3,454,000
Native States	
Rajputana States	457,000
Central India States	129,000
Bombay Native States	468,000
Punjab Native States	19,000
Central Provinces, Feudatory States	46,000
Baroda	69,000
Hyderabad	246,000
Total Native States	1,425,000
Grand Total,	4,879,000

Of these people, sixth-sevenths were employed on relief works, and one-seventh, who by reason of age, infirmity or custom, are unable to work, are gratuitously relieved without being subjected to any labor test. The government undertakes to prevent death, and to relieve misery, from famine in British India at the cost of the Indian treasury, so far as organization and effort can accomplish these ends. The relief operations in native states are conducted by the native rulers and their officials, but the British government in India lends money, and sends skilled officers to assist in relief work to those states where such help is needed.

It is believed that the food supply of India will suffice to meet the present need. The afflicted tracts are traversed by or are near railways, so that the distribution of food will be practicable. As in the famine of 1897, the government does not propose—save in special cases of peculiar local difficulty—to interfere with the supply and distribution of food; what it undertakes is to provide employment and pay for all who need it. Prices are not generally higher than they were at the same season in 1897; in parts prices are lower. There was a great raise in prices about the end of October; since then the advance in prices has not been marked.

One notable feature of the present famine is that Guzerat, Kathiawar and Baroda are very seriously affected. These are the richest and most fertile tracts of Western India, and it is said that these regions have not suffered seriously from famine for about a century. The Central Provinces, which were famine stricken in 1897, are again severely distressed. They enjoyed good harvests in 1898, and some of the districts which suffered most severely in 1896-97 are not so badly off this year.

So far as can be foreseen the loss of plough and milch cattle will this year be greater in many parts of the famine area than on similar occasion as to which we have full returns. If so, the village people will have much difficulty in regaining their prosperity; and it is to help them in this struggle that charitable funds will be largely devoted. After the famine of 1897 the return to agricultural prosperity was, save in some parts of the central provinces, more rapid and more complete than had been anticipated.

It is expected that the severity of the famine pressure will not abate until the end of June; and distress may be keener as the heat increases and drinking water becomes more scarce. After June, if the rains are favorable, the numbers on relief will rapidly decrease; but food will not be cheap again until the end of August; and not until the end of September will the prospect of next season's crops be assured, while relief operations may in some tracts be required, even under most favorable circumstances, until the end of November.

While the government assumes responsibility for saving life and relieving misery from famine, there is a very large field for the operation of charity outside the government relief. General and local relief committees are appointed in each province or state and in each district, as the experience of past famines shows that this organization is the best for distributing charitable relief. On the committees sit Indians, missionaries and other Europeans, besides officials; and many members of these committees in 1897 labored most strenuously to relieve the deserving and to make the funds go as far as possible. The four objects to which any sums which may be collected will be devoted, in accordance with the recommendations of the famine commission, are as follows: (1) The provision of extra comforts in the shape of food and clothing over and above what is provided by the state; (2) the maintenance of orphans; (3) the relief of persons who, though in want, are unwilling to declare themselves publicly as applicants for charitable assistance; and (4) the provision of help, mainly in the form of agricultural implements and cattle, to those who have lost their property in the famine and who, without help, would be unable to make a fresh start in life. The relief of distress in the native states will be a special feature in the administration of the famine fund, and it is hoped that this feature will appeal strongly to the generosity of the people of this country.

In 1897, the charitable contributions to the famine relief fund amounted to £1,134,000, and the money was expended thus:

Object (1), extra comforts	£ 70,700
Object (2), orphans	10,300
Object (3), special classes of sufferers	178,000
Object (4), giving sufferers a fresh start	758,000
Reserve for orphans and miscellaneous	117,000
Total	£1,134,000

The Viceroy, when speaking at a public meeting in Calcutta, held on behalf of the famine fund, said, after he had himself visited he districts:

"If any rich man in this city is in any doubt as to whether he should subscribe, I would gladly give him a railway ticket to a famine district, and take what he chose to give me on his return. He might go with a hard heart; but he would come back with a broken one.

"Whatever you give us will make no difference in the extent and character of our outlay. That is fixed for us by the high conception that we entertain of our public duty. But for all that, there is an ample field for private generosity, both in supplement to that which the state can do and must do, and often in pursuit of that which the state cannot do at all. It is our task to keep the people alive, and to see them safely through the period of their sufferings. But no expert knowledge is required to recognize that there are a hundred ways in which the condition of their sufferings may be alleviated while they still last, and a fresh start in the world be given to the sufferers when the worst is over. The legitimate objects of private charity have indeed been carefully analyzed and scientifically laid down both by government during the last famine and by the famine commission afterwards. We ask your money to provide warm raiment, clothes and blankets for the poor workers, who spend their nights out of doors, either in the open air or under flimsy mats of straw. In the Punjab, as you know, it is still very cold at nights. Later on, when the rains come, the same covering will be required to ward off the chills that bring fever and dysentery in their train. Think, again, of the good that may be done by the distribution of small comforts, of milk and arrowroot and cornflour, and other medicinal sustenance, to the aged and infirm, to invalids, and, above all, to children. My one happy experience in connection with the whole famine is my recollection of having saved the lives of two poor little children in Kattiawar, who were very nearly gone, but for whom I ordered milk to be supplied until they were quite recovered, as I have since heard, with satisfactory results.

"There is not a donor, however humble, in India or in England, of even a rupee or a shilling to our cause who may not be honestly confident that that petty sum will bring a ray of light, a dawning hope, into the heart of some unhappy peasant who for months will not have known what light or hope were."

When you make a mistake do not look back at it for long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons on wisdom. The past cannot be changed; but the future is yet in your power.

Waiser Wilhelm has forbidden the officers and men of the Berlin garrison to smoke in the principal streets of the city, in consequence of irregularities in the salute offered to His Majesty and the members of the royal family.

While the late James H. Beard, father of Dan Beard, the artist, was painting a portrait of Zachary Taylor, he said to him: "Well, General, I suppose you are to be our next president?" "I hope not," grunted the bluff old hero; "no military man has any business in the presidential chair, but if they offer it to me, I suppose I'll be — fool enough to accept it." And he was.

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PROVINCIAL

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A Lucky Parson—Pack Horses Turned Out to Starve—A Dog Case.

Mr. Justice Drake, sitting at Nelson, has appointed W. J. Goepel as third arbitrator to determine the value of land expropriated by the C. P. R. for the Balfour extension. The C. P. R. will be represented by W. H. Dowsing, and Mr. Beer by Dr. Hall.

The Nelson Tribune states that a staff of men is engaged at the Venus mine in erecting the building for the accommodation of the mill which the company is putting in.

Rev. W. W. Hardie, who has been stationed the last year or two at Clinton, has gone to Scotland. Through the death of his mother and brother in Scotland this spring he was left $10,000 and goes home to settle the estate. He purposes returning to the West again.

Work at the Cariboo mine, Quesnel Forks, is being pushed along as rapidly as possible, and vast quantities of gravel are passing down the flumes. It is hoped this property will make a good showing this season. On Rose Gulch half a dozen men are at work, and the property looks much better than it ever did before. There is now a 15-foot bank of rich channel gravel showing. The output will be very largely increased over last season. With a sufficient water supply this will become a valuable hydraulic property.

The annual scandal which occurs on the Arm of Arrow lake of turning pack horses loose to starve on the meadows formed at the head of the arm by the receding waters of the lake in the fall has culminated this year in a further crying disgrace. Owing to the supineness of the government officials the dead horses were not buried this spring, and the bodies are now drifting about in the waters of the lake, poisoning the air and offending the eyes of travellers.—Revelstoke Herald.

Gold Commissioner Coursier is away paying his first official visit to Comaplix and the Fish River district, says the Revelstoke Herald. The Cambourne people are pulling hard for a good round sum to put the wagon road up the river to the mouth of Pool creek in a good state of repair, stimulated no doubt by the windfall which the present election has brought to their brethren in the Trout Lake district in the shape of $7,500 to put the main trunk road in shape. Hence in all probability Mr. Coursier's visit. Now is the time to strike while the election is hot.

An amusing incident in the administration of justice occurred in the Vancouver police court on Friday afternoon. A few days previously Magistrate Russell had before him a case in which Mr. Charles Dittberner, of the Atlantic saloon, was charged with keeping a vicious dog. It was a spaniel, and it appears that it tore the leg of a man named Beckwith. The latter is a very large and heavily built man. The magistrate directed that in addition to paying the costs of the court, Mr. Dittberner should buy another pair of trousers. These were produced in court on Friday. No stipulation had of course been made as to size, and although they might have successfully enclosed a man of average size, they had evidently not been constructed with an eye to the exigencies of this particular police court case. Mr. Beckwith looked them carefully over, with the air of a man who is not exactly sure of what he has bought, and remarked that he could not begin to get into them. He made a move to lay the new phase of the matter before the magistrate, but finally decided to desist, probably with the idea that he could get them changed.

IN THE BOUNDARY.

Cariboo Vein Said to Have Been Located on the Wiarton.

Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel, the famous geologist and mining expert now visiting Camp McKinney, is getting down to business. It has leaked out that he has located the main Cariboo vein across the Wiarton claim and is in communication with the Spokane owners regarding it. The Wiarton is known as the "greatest gamble in British Columbia." It adjoins the Cariboo property in direct course of the vein. The Wiarton company have practically exhausted their resources in their endeavor to cut the ledge. Dr. Rothermel wants an interest in the property if he cuts it, and nothing if he does not. The man who first discovered gold in Leadville has opened up the principal mines in the Black Hills and elsewhere, knows exactly what he is doing, and does it with a celerity and despatch that astonishes old timers.

Dr. Rothermel made a thorough inspection of the Lemon company's underground workings on its Gold Standard claim. He was perfectly astounded at the pay-chutes coming in at the second level, 210 feet under Rock creek. His instructions regarding future development on the Gold Standard will be followed at once.

The Waterloo stamp mill is running day and night, and Manager Graham is being congratulated by mine owners here on his ability and energy in pushing the Waterloo to the front, despite the combinations existing in certain mining stock exchanges to "bear" the stock.—Greenwood Times.

A NEW SMELTER.

A Move to Erect a Plant on the Pathfinder.

Grand Forks, May 12.—There will be a big Dominion Day celebration here on July 2 and 3. The attractions will include horse races, and an effort will be made to secure the representation of several American stables.

Hugh Cannon is developing the Rialto claim, two miles from town.

The railway bridge across the north fork of Kettle river, a link in the smelter spur, is nearing completion.

Dr. Averill has submitted a proposition to the management of the Pathfinder mine for the erection of a 50-ton smelter on that property. He proposes to treat the ores by a patent process now in successful operation at Oakland, Cal. Crude coal oil is utilized instead of coke. He claims cheapness of treatment as the chief feature of the California method. An experimental shipment of two tons of Pathfinder ore will be sent to the Oakland smelter, and if the results are successful the proposed smelter up the North Fork may become a reality.

The Presbyterians will erect a new church shortly. The subscriptions to the building fund already exceed $1,000.

W. F. Newton, a pioneer prospector of the Boundary, has just bonded the Grey Eagle group, on Lone Ranch creek, in the Colville reservation, just across the line, to A. McKinley, who represents Montana capital. The group consists of the Grey Eagle, Blanche, Golden Currier, Copper Lode and Carson claims. The bond runs for one year and the price is $40,000, with a payment of 10 per cent. down. Under the conditions of the bond Mr. McKinley must do 600 feet of work during the year—200 feet of shafting and 400 feet of crosscutting and drifting, according to the requirements of the property. The Copper Bullion, an adjoining claim, is now being developed by the same parties. The work on the Grey Eagle thus far consists of open cuts and shafts, the deepest being of 26 feet. At one place a cut was run for 180 feet across the lead, and neither wall is in sight. A paystreak gave assays of 26 per cent. copper and $12 gold per ton, but this of course is not the average.

Work is to be resumed shortly on the Humming Bird, a well known North Fork property. The amount of development work thus far exceeds 700 feet. Six hundred tons of $25 ore on the dump will be shipped to the Grand Forks smelter.

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THE WRECKS OF WAR

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

Crich, the orderly, sat on a camp-stool cheering Parker, who lay suspiciously quiet. Parker had come from Queensland, via New Jersey, among other places, and the registered voters of Colesberg had shot him across the spine below the shoulders. "My stomach's a trifle out of order," said Parker, cheerily. "They can't get it to work. Except for that I don't feel there's anything wrong with me."

Crich looked at me to signify it would be better for Parker if he had a little more feeling. "We're comin' on beautifully, ain't we?" said Crich, and Parker nodded. "I'm the last o' four—all spinal cases—all in this tent, too!" said Parker. "I've seen 'em all go, and here I am hangin' on by my finger nails. They all went, didn't they?" "Yes," said Crich, his braces round his hips, "an' they all called for me 'fore they went. 'Member Tommy?"

Parker smiled. Sir Philip Sydney smiled very much in that fashion. "Oh, yes. I was on special allowance of brandy, but Tommy, he always looked for a little of mine in his lemonade. Couldn't speak much, but he always used to roll his eyes to my bed. Tommy liked his tot o' brandy and lemonade. When did he go, Crich?"

"Yes'day afternoon. You was asleep, Parker. He said, 'Crich, old man, where are you?' he said. 'Right here, in front o' you,' I says, and I went up to 'im, 'cause I knew what was coming. 'I can't see you, Crich,' he says. Then I laid 'old of his arms in my two 'ands. 'That's better,' he says. 'If I can't see you I can feel you,' he says. 'Don't let go, Crich,' he says, and in a minute or two he was off, as quiet as anything. You was asleep, Parker. Oh! yes, they all asked for old Crich to take 'old of when they went off. Parker's goin' to best the lot of 'em." This to me. "Last o' four spinal cases, no is, and he's goin' to Netley, an' he'll be all right in a few weeks. 'Ave some more tomatas, Parker?"

The giant turned his head and raised an arm. He could not quite reach the tomatoes. Crich stepped across the tent, lavishly douched the cut fruit with oil and vinegar, and exhibited Parker in the act of eating.

Then Parker talked of real estate speculations in Orange, N. J., and stock-raising in Queensland, Crich supplying an ever-appreciative chorus. I watched the superbly built body, so all alive to the chest line, so all dead below, and it seemed to me unfair that nervous anxiety to make Cape Colony a "little haven of peace" had led a "neutral government" to postpone the ordinary preparations for war till the Colesberg rebels (all registered voters, remember) could conveniently mangle Parker's spinal cord. I laid it upon Crich, the hairy-chested and adequate, that Parker must not die, and Crich, hopelessly hopeless, said out of Parker's hearing, that he would do his damnedest.

That was some weeks ago. I have seen Parker twice or thrice since, but today his bed is empty. He has bested the registered voter of Colesberg, all the young doctors who prophesied death, and Crich, who couldn't see any other way out of it.

He has gone home in a steamer to Netley, with the chance of living, half dead, for a year or two, and the ghost of a chance that he may partially recover. This is a load off my mind. For some absurd reason Parker was my war fetich. He held on through the black days ere Ladysmith was relieved; he heard of Cronje's surrender; and now, at Madeira, he will learn that Bloemfontein is his and ours.

The war goes better. With Parker and Bloemfontein disposed of, we can attend to the hospitals. Dinniss, the light-moustached sergeant-major of a horse battery, has gone away, but not before he saved the lives of three or four depressed and morbid by his cheerfulness and his yarns.

Dinniss has six and twenty years' service. He refused his majority eleven years ago because he was not in his beloved battery, and he is an encyclopaedia of military knowledge—the unofficial brand. I heard him tell his tent confidentially that if he had known what sort of a silly sort of war this was going to turn, he would have retired on his laurels early in October.

He caught something at Magersfontein which has kept him in bed for a few weeks, but now he is at the front again. He was more or less in charge of the horse battery which, out of pure politeness, stood still to take the Boer fire when our naval gun on the left of the line did not see the flag of truce, went on firing, and brought down a fresh Beer fusilade.

Said Dinniss: "Of course, we sat tight, to show it was a mistake, but the shells were making our horses skittish, so I said: 'Send a driver to their heads. They're a little shy.' I looked round, an' there weren't any drivers! D'you know what they were doin'? Chasin' rats round a bush! Yiss! Rat huntin' under fire. On my worrud, I don't believe drivers have sowls. No, not one!"

"Were they cockneys, by any chance, Dinniss?" I asked.

"Ye may say so. We come from St. John's Wood, London, N."

The tent and the orderlies grieved when Dinniss left, for he had great authority and most persuasive tact. Now, Derby, of the Inniskillings, had no authority. He lived on his tongue and his skill in outflanking orderlies. Derby got it bad in the leg and hopped like a cock-robin in scarlet flannel between the tents. He was marked for England, and the day before he sailed all Rondebosch was too small for his transports.

A visitor came by with pipes and tobacco for the men, and Derby steered him toward a convalescent. "Do you want to buy a pipe?" said Derby, with a serious face. "They're only threepence, and the baccy's one an' threepence a stick. It's dirt cheap." The convalescent fingered the stock and demanded cigarettes. "I'm sorry," said Derby, "but we're sold out of cigarettes. If you'll give your order, maybe this man will —" Then the convalescent tumbled to the jest, and Derby had to run for it all between the tent pegs. There should be lively times on Derby's boat home, but he is the kindest of souls to an invalid.

The twins are not on their feet yet. They are both Australians, both have broken legs, they lie side by side, their legs in slings, and one loyally caps the other's tallest yarn. A few days back talk turned on what black fellows could do with a boomerang.

A Fusilier cut to pieces with barbed wire, a Ninth Lancer, and a West Yorkshireman told the twins to draw it mild. Sticks could not twist and turn in that way. It was as absurd as the word Woolloomooloo. Entered then from another tent convalescent Rae, of Manitoba, hit down at Singer's or Arundel.

Rae said he did not understand boomerangs, but things could be made to curve in the air, for all the Ninth Lancer said. For instance, there was a game called baseball. Rae illustrated with his sound arm how a pitcher sends in a curved ball, and the twins, applauding, welcomed him as an ally. They had a file of Australian papers with pictures of boomerangs. Would the Ninth Lancers please get them out from the shelf and they would explain?

So, under the pines planted in South Africa by men from the north, Welshmen, tyke, cockney, and Canadian bent their heads over a Melbourne weekly, while a Queenslander read the letter-press.

Johnson, of a Highland regiment—he looked very like Alan Breck—had tried to stop a shell splinter with his stomach, and it cost him eight weeks' agony. The first time we met he walked crab fashion, his blue eyes alight with pain. Hear, O heaven, and bear witness, O earth, that there was no more South Africa for Johnson and his stomach! A fortnight later we sat in the sun with a whispering guardsman, half of whose larynx had been put out of commission by a down-dropping bullet.

But Johnson was a changed man. He had developed a scheme, and explained it as he sat gasping his ankles and rocking to and fro. They were going to send him to Green Point with the convalescents. The odds were they would send him home, and that did not suit Johnson's revised book. "I'm a saddler by trade. They'll not miss the likes of me when they're repairing collars and harness. I'll not be sent home till the war is over—if I can help it. Surely they'll need a collarmaker. Then I'll be able to get back again."

He went off to draw his kit, walking corkily, and the guardsman whispered husky congratulations.

But there is no spring in McConnell, sergeant of another Highlander regiment—nothing but sour disgust. He got it in the hand, round Paardeberg, a rending, shattering bullet, that has marked him for England. And there is what is left of his company to consider, and there is his unpaid debt to the Boer, drawing interest every day, and there is his right hand throbbing and aching in the night watches. His chief interest is the daily paper and the list of the Boer dead. He lies in his corner, smoking, brooding and meditating how to escape England. But his hand—his right hand, with the iron hard forearm—is useless. He always comes back to that.

Not far from him lies Carter, who went down hill by reason of a fractured thigh, and some fever.

Then he got bed sores—two, he told me—and then they got him an air mattress. Carter came near to losing his life, but the story in the ward is that Neeld, a gracious Cockney Highlander, bucked him up, precisely as Dinniss bucked up the man shot through the lungs.

Anyhow Carter is spared, which is a sign of grace, and they have taken him out for a small walk in a wheeled chair. "He kep' askin' us all the way up hill if he was too heavy," said one of Sarter's steeds—a convalescent with a head wound. "Well, you see, it's voluntary, not compulsory, takin' convalescents out," says Carter, rather tremulous about the mouth.

"You don't weigh more'n a rat now," is the answer, and then, the voice touched with beautiful tenderness, "Did ye like it, 'Arry?"

Did he like it? After three months he has seen trees and sunshine, and felt the big sky above him. He picked up the good dirt of the earth and let it run through his fingers. Now he is going to sleep.

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Several years after the close of the civil war a reception was held in Lynchburg, Va., to commemorate some national event, says V. Halsey in Lippincott's Magazine. Many men were there assembled who had fought in the war. Among them was a major of a Massachusetts regiment, who, meeting General Jubal Early, of the Confederate army, cordially greeted him. Pointing to his own decorations, the Major said: "Ah, General, you see we have all the crosses now." "Yes," replied the old General; "in olden times they hung thieves on crosses; now they hang crosses on thieves."

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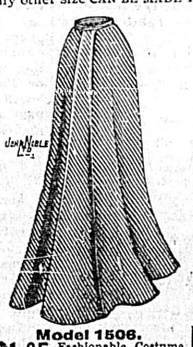

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SYNOPSIS.

Since yesterday another low barometer area has rapidly crossed this province to the Rockies. It has caused showers along the Washington coast and over Vancouver Island and the lower Mainland. Until the area of high pressure which has been hovering over California moves permanently further north our weather will remain unsettled. From the Cascades eastward to the Great Lakes the weather is fine.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	50	63
New Westminster	48	60
Kamloops	52	74
Barkerville	34	..
Calgary	36	72
Winnipeg	38	52
Portland, Ore	54	70
San Francisco	50	62

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Wednesday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Winds mostly south and west; fair and cool; local showers.
Lower Mainland—East or south winds; occasional showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 15.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	50	Mean	56
Noon	59	Highest	63
5 p.m.	55	Lowest	50

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 6 miles north.
Noon ..... Calm.
5 p.m. ..... 8 miles south.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.09 inch.
Sunshine—54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.888
Corrected 29.902

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.90

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Mrs. Mead.	F. B. Pemberton.
Mr. Peace.	W. H. Gibson.
Mrs. Peace.	Mrs. Powell.
Mrs. H. H. Bradburn	O. P. Miller.
W. N. Janes.	Capt. Robertson.
G. T. Kitchen.	O. E. Pardee.
H. F. Burgess.	F. G. Hildige.
C. T. Shcooley.	C. D. Cox.
J. C. Brown.	G. M. Robinson.
W. N. Wickwire.	A. S. Farwell.
W. T. Blaine.	D. Day.
J. D. Davidson.	A. Leamy.
H. G. Pendergast.	H. C. Shaw.
Wm. Green.	H. Le Duke.
Rev. S. S. Osterhouf.	

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F. Cooper.	B. Jackson.
Mrs. Cooper.	S. Tunis.
E. Sommer.	J. McAlpine.
Q. Eustice.	A. Burgess.
H. Allison.	Capt. Warren.
W. English.	Mrs. Beggen.
T. Holmes.	F. Maitby.
Miss Sedder.	—. Freeman.
Miss Thomas.	J. Dunsworth.
E. Kimball.	Mrs. Dunsworth.
E. Pelegier.	R. Case.
Capt. Gates.	W. Hague.
Mrs. Gates.	W. Marks.
A. Dow.	F. Wright.
Miss L. Helenbeck.	J. Eshlerman.
E. Pedder.	Capt. Jones.
Mrs. Jordison.	—. Staah.
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Cassiar Quite Satisfied With Its Present Members.

Reports received from the lower coast centres of Cassiar, according to the Bennett Sun, confirm the success and applause with which our present members are meeting on their election campaign for the approaching fight. Evidently lower Cassiar is well satisfied with the stand taken by Messrs. Clifford and Irving in the late house, and intend to stand by their present representatives. Those in a position to know state positively that so far as Simpson, Skeena and Rivers Inlet are concerned, there will be no sign of opposition; and when it is remembered that Messrs. Irving and Clifford received all the votes but nine of the entire district at the last election, there seems not the faintest hope of success for any opposition that may crop up. Bennett has but one voice in the coming fight, and that unanimously in favor of the re-election of our present members.

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Mining Laws to Be Discussed

Atlin to Receive Attention at Hands of the Board of Trade.

Some Important Business Discussed at Yesterday's Special Session.

At a special meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday morning, called for the purpose of arranging, if possible, for a general meeting of the board to discuss conditions in Atlin as affecting the mining interest, two other matters came up of special importance. The first was in connection with the question of bonded freight and northern navigation. It was considered advisable to hold the matter in abeyance for a few months, until after the bulk of the season's business is over. The other matter of importance dealt with was the alleged inadequate telegraphic service to West Coast points, it being impossible at times to report the sighting of incoming vessels. A letter from Lighthouse-keeper Daykin on the subject will be referred to the telegraph company and the representatives at Ottawa.

There were present L. G. McQuade in the chair, Herschel-Cohen, J. J. Shallcross, James Thompson, Capt. Cox, G. A. Kirk, W. A. Ward, F. C. Davidge, Arthur Robertson and Secretary Elworthy.

Messrs. Prior and Earle acknowledged the receipt of the board's resolution in the matter of tide-gauge facilities, and the following letter was read on this subject:

Ottawa, 1st May, 1900.

Sir: I am directed by the minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, on the subject of tide tables for British Columbia coasts, and would state that it is the aim of this department to improve the tide tables, as contemplated by your resolution. I would, however, explain that it is absolutely necessary to have some reliable tide gauge results to form a basis of comparisons, and it is in this respect that the tabulation of the results at Victoria and Fraser river will prove valuable; and until the tabulation at these stations is completed there is no great object in extending observations to a large number of stations.

Your recommendation to erect additional gauges at Port Simpson, or at some point of the S. W. coast of Vancouver Island, will be later considered, but this department already knows that tide tables for Seymour Narrows could not be prepared from any results obtained from these extreme points. At Seymour Norrows the local conditions are so intricate that local observations would be absolutely requisite. I may add that local observations have already been made at that point by the United States government, and by comparing these with the results at Victoria and Garry Point, when tabulated, it is hoped that an accurate table for the Narrows can be evolved.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN HARDIE,
Acting Deputy Minister of Marine, etc.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Shallcross was of the opinion that the tables compiled at Victoria and Garry Point were not so good as those which would be obtained from a station at Port Simpson. He hoped the matter, which was a most important one, would be kept before the attention of the department. He might mention that the matter had already been taken up by parties outside of the board.

A. C. Flumerfelt wrote expressing regret that in view of his removing from the city he would be compelled to resign his position as a member of the council. The resignation was accepted with regret. Lindley Crease was elected in his stead.

Secretary Elworthy read the following letter which had been forwarded by him on behalf of the board to Messrs. Prior and Earle:

"Dear Sirs: Your telegram just received, reading as follows: 'Do you think it advisable for this government to withdraw privilege now enjoyed by American bottoms, in carrying from a Canadian port to an American port bonded freight finally destined for a Canadian port, while the United States prohibit British bottoms carrying American goods in bond from British port to American port?' To which we replied: 'Board adheres to view expressed in letter to Cartwright on 23rd March, provided Skagway bonding privileges are not interfered with.'

"My letter of March 23rd to Sir Richard Cartwright has been perused this morning by some members of the board, and the object of your message is not quite clear, the letter in question being considered explicit. Your telegram is taken as an indication that some complication might arise if the board's wishes are immediately pressed. It is for this reason that the telegram sent this morning somewhat qualifies the board's letter to Sir Richard Cartwright.

"The Yukon business will be at its height in another month, and it would be unwise to press for any change in the present shipping arrangements and so bring about reprisals which would further hamper Canadian trade. You are in a better position to judge the possibility of such action by the United States government, and the board will be satisfied to act upon your own good judgment. The suggestion was made this morning that it may perhaps be well to hold that matter in abeyance for a few months, say until the bulk of the season's business is over."

Mr. Shallcross thought the letter somewhat unnecessarily modified the original resolution passed by the board. He was of the opinion that the matter should be pressed home.

Mr. McQuade, the chairman, explained that Victoria business men who had been consulted did not want such action taken as might result in the United States rescinding the bonding privileges at Skagway.

Mr. Shallcross did not think there was much danger of this being done, and disapproved of the last paragraph in the report, which recommended that the matter be left in abeyance for a few months.

Mr. McQuade thought there was some danger of the United States authorities putting reprisals on goods going to Dawson.

Mr. Thompson expressed the opinion that Victoria could not afford to have any interference with the bonding privileges at Skagway, and the trade consequently tied up, at this time.

Mr. Shallcross thought the bonding privileges at Skagway were the result of international agreement. At any rate, Canada must not act as if she were afraid.

Capt. Cox explained that Sir Louis Davies had asked him what was the grievance among the Coast merchants. Sir Louis thought the advantages were reciprocal. If retaliation were adopted by Canada, the United States would do the same.

Mr. Herschel-Cohen believed that the cause for complaint would not be removed as long as the Americans held the key to the Klondike. Canadians would be powerless until they had a railroad of their own tapping the country.

After some further discussion the action of the secretary was endorsed.

The secretary of the Vancouver board of trade forwarded a copy of the following resolutions, which were passed at a meeting on the 10th instant, and asked that they be endorsed:

1. That the 10 per cent. royalty as at present levied by the government on the gold of the Yukon is distasteful to the miners and unsatisfactory in its operation, and does not produce the revenue to the government which is due on the output.

2. That the present mode of collection induces deceit on the part of the miners and incidentally causes perjury to be committed in respect to the returns sworn to.

3. That in consequence a large amount of gold is taken out of the country, thus depriving Canada of business which would be done here if the gold were purchased in Dawson and paid for in Dominion currency.

4. That it is eminently desirable that as much as possible of the business to be derived from the mining industry shall be conserved to the people of Canada, and a fair revenue be secured by the government in a manner alike agreeable to the miners and the government.

5. That in order to best attain these desirable results it is respectfully submitted that the present tax of 10 per cent. be abolished, an in lieu thereof that an assay office be opened in Dawson, to which all gold produced there shall be taken for assay and, if so desired, exchanged for Dominion currency, a charge of not exceeding 5 per cent. being made for assay and all taxes upon said gold.

6. That notice be given that all gold must be assayed in the government assay office and duty paid there, and that any person found attempting to take out gold without a proper certificate from the assay office stating the correct quantity and value of gold so being taken out, such gold shall be seized and forfeited by the party found in possession of same or the owners thereof, or such other penalty as shall be deemed desirable by the government.

Mr. Herschel-Cohen wanted to know if it was intended to prohibit the miner from exporting the gold? While in favor of the principal of the royalty, he was prepared to go a bit further and see laws passed which would enable the Dominion government to get all the gold by purchase. The resolutions were referred to the mining committee.

Capt. Cox reported the result of the proposal to the city council that a sum of money should be voted for harbor borings.

Mr. Shallcross asked that the attention of the Dominion government be again called to the condition of the harbor, and the secretary was instructed to forward the previous report of the committee on harbors and navigation.

Capt. Cox presented the following:

Victoria, 15th May, 1900.

The Secretary of the B. C. Board of Trade:

Dear Sir: I beg to lay before the council a communication received from the lighthouse keeper at Carmanah Point, signed "W. P. Daykin."

Of the statement of complaint made by Mr. Daykin is correct, it is a matter of serious consideration, as it is most important that the communication between so important a lighthouse as Carmanah and the City of Victoria should receive careful attention.

Yours truly,
JOHN G. COX.

Carmanah, May 6th, 1900.

Captain Cox, Victoria, B.C.:

Dear Sir: At 11 p.m., May 2nd, a large steamer signalled off here. The wire was in working order to Victoria, but no attention was paid to my call, and I was unable to report the steamer.

May 4th.—Large Japanese steamer signalled at 10 a.m., to be reported all well, but I could get no one east of here. I got the message as far as Cape Beale, but the wire was down between there and Alberni, at least there was no communication.

May 6th, 11 a.m.—A large Russian steamer passed in, signalling to be reported. I have called over an hour, but can get no one, although the wire I know is working to Otter Point.

These are only a few late instances. Since the first of the year I have missed reporting 14 steamers alone. If this is going to continue, I would like to know, for it is useless for me to signal these vessels. I would like to hear from you, if that petition is doing any good.

I remain yours truly,
W. P. DAYKIN.

Got the Russian steamer in 1:30 p.m., over 2 hours after she passed.

Mr. Ward thought this a most important matter and one that should receive immediate attention. It was very unfortunate that ships should not be reported, so unsatisfactory was the service that the pilots had often to depend on reports from across the line, getting advices at their own expense from Tatoosh. He understood that the office in Victoria was not open between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 p.m. If a ship was to go ashore during those hours it could not be reported. This was most serious.

Mr. Kirk thought it would be well to forward copies of the letter to the C.P.R. and the Dominion government officials here. This course was adopted.

Mr. Ward explained that the meeting had been called primarily for the purpose of arranging a general meeting to inquire into mining conditions in Atlin. The laws as at present administered were very unsatisfactory. Claims have been staked and re-staked and the recorder is recording them in such instance, causing no end of trouble. Conditions would likely be as bad this season as last year. As it was now a premium was virtually given to jump claims. He thought it would be well for those interested in Atlin or who have a knowledge of conditions there to be invited to attend the meeting and give expression to their views.

Mr. Herschel-Cohen could fully sympathize with the miners, but it should not be forgotten they were working under the mining laws of British Columbia. The laws were bad; and the most expeditious way of arriving at a settlement would be to tear up these laws. Atlin feels the injustice keenly, because there is a rush there, but the rest of the province suffered in a lesser degree. When Reuter's agent was here he went into the question very carefully and pointed out the errors in the mining laws, but he only got abuse for his pains. However, the people in England were well aware of the faulty conditions which existed.

It was decided to hold a special general meeting on Friday next at 3 p.m. to discuss this subject further, to which a general invitation to those interested in Atlin will be extended. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Marion Hitchcock.

The board then adjourned.

NEW FISHERY REGULATIONS

Full Text of the Changes in the Law for British Columbia.

The following is the full text of the changes in the fishery regulations, a synopsis of which appeared in the Colonist on Sunday morning. The regulations came into force on Saturday.

His Excellency in virtue of the provisions of section 16 of the "Fisheries Act," chapter 95, of the revised statutes of Canada, and by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, is pleased to order that the following amendments shall be, and the same are hereby made to the Fisheries Regulations for the province of British Columbia:

1. That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of the Fisheries Regulations, established by order-in-council of March 29th, 1899, be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: 1. Every applicant for a fishery license shall be (a) British subject, resident in Canada, and a bona fide fisherman, and (b) shall personally enter his name and address in the registry kept by the inspector of fisheries, or any authorized fisheries officer. Before a license is issued to any applicant (c) the required fee shall be paid by said applicant.

2. Each bona fide fisherman, being a British subject, duly registered as under clause 1, shall be entitled to one fishing license; but such fishing license shall be valid for one fisherman only, whose name is fully enrolled in terms of the conditions stated in clause 1, such name to be inscribed on the license by the inspector or authorized officer granting the same at the time of issue. Indians shall be exempt from registration or enrollment, required under clause 1, and this clause. Each firm, company or person engaged in the canning of salmon shall be entitled to ten fishing licenses in the said firm's company's or person's name, and each of such licenses shall be valid for and used only by a fisherman whose name is duly enrolled or registered, or shall be valid for and used only by an Indian. Each fisherman fishing under a license obtained by a firm, company, or person engaged in canning salmon shall be required to carry with him a certificate from the firm, company, or person holding the license, that such registered fisherman or such Indian is authorized to fish for them or him. Such license or certificate shall be exhibited to any authorized fisheries officer, when required.

3. A fisherman's license shall not be transferable, except with the sanction of the inspector of fisheries; all fishing licenses granted by any firm, company, or person engaged in canning operations, shall be cancelled if the cannery operated by them shall cease its operations. 7. Any boat found engaged in salmon fishing operations, without a duly licensed fisherman in charge or a fisherman holding a license issued to any firm, company or person engaged in canning salmon, and in addition to proper certificate (as provided in clause 2) shall be liable to seizure and confiscation, together with all its nets and gear by any fishery officer. 8. No one except an Indian shall be engaged or employed as a boat-puller or boatman on any boat engaged in salmon fishing operations, under license, unless he holds a boat-pullers permit. Each applicant for such permit shall enter his name in a list or register, kept by the inspector of fisheries, or a duly authorized officer, and any person so registered or enrolled may receive one boat-pullers' permit, on payment of a fee of one dollar ($1.00.) z

2. That clause 2 of the fisheries regulations, adopted by order-in-council of the 19th June, 1897, be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: 2. Nets for catching "quinnat" or "spring" salmon in the tidal waters of British Columbia, shall only be used from the 1st day of March to the 31st day of October, both days inclusive, and the meshes of such nets shall be not less than seven inches in extension measurement, and nothing shall be done to practically diminish the size of the meshes.

3. That clauses 3 and 9 of the fisheries regulations, adopted by order-in-council on 3rd of March, 1894, be rescinded, and the following be substituted in lieu thereof. 3. The meshes of nets for catching salmon, other than "quinnat" or "spring" salmon, in the tidal waters of the province of British Columbia shall not be less than 5¾ inches in extension measurement, and shall only be used between the 1st of July in each year, and the 31st day of January following, both days inclusive, and nothing shall be done to practically diminish the size of such meshes. 9. No one shall fish for salmon from Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, until the following Sunday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, except in the rivers and waters of the province of British Columbia north of the 54th parallel of latitude, in which rivers and waters no one shall fish for salmon from Saturday, at 12 o'clock, noon, until 12 p.m., midnight, of the following Sunday. All other nets or other fishing gear set or used, and all fish caught during the periods specified shall be deemed to be illegally used or caught, and shall be liable to seizure or confiscation, and the person or persons so violating the law shall also be liable to the fines and penalties provided by the fisheries act. Provided, also, that no one shall fish for salmon with a drag seine from Friday morning, at 6 o'clock, until the following Sunday evening, at 12 o'clock, midnight, in each week. Licenses for fishing salmon, issued to companies, firms or persons engaged in dealing in salmon for home consumption, in freezing, salting, curing, or smoking salmon for domestic or foreign markets, shall be carried by each fisherman fishing under such licenses, together with a certificate or authority from such company, firm, or person, who procured the license. Licenses and certificates shall be exhibited to the inspector of fisheries, or any authorized officer, when required by such officer.

4. That clause 4 of the fisheries regulations, adopted by order-in-council of the 3rd of March, 1894, and the amendments thereto, adopted by order-in-council of the 17th of October, 1896, be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: 4. The meshes of nets for catching "steel heads" shall not be less than 6¾ inches expansion measurement, and nothing shall be done to practically diminish the size of the meshes, and such nets shall be used only between the 31st day of October in each year, and the last day of February following, both days inclusive.

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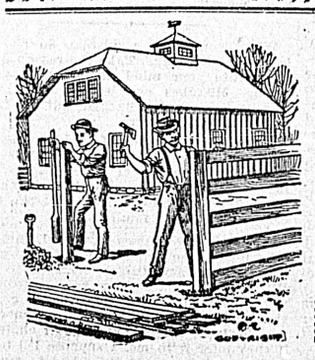

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